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PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

Central Council meets to discuss amendment possibilities.

## Ailing Constitution gets overhauled

### *Central Council votes in amendments to eliminate seats for several groups*

By David H. Townsend '97
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Central Council of the Student Assembly voted on Monday, February 12, in their evening meeting to effectively rewrite the Constitution of the Student Body by passing several comprehensive amendments to the document.

Several members of the Central Council felt the old Constitution was out of date and ill suited to current needs. The new Constitution provides for three branches of Student Assembly; the Judicial branch, the Community Forum branch, and the Senate.

The Senate is comprised of the President and Vice-President of Student Assembly, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, Class Presidents, Class Treasurers, and Class Senators. These positions are all elected directly from the Student Body. The Community Forum branch is the Community Conference Committee. The CCC is primarily responsible for addressing the concerns of the Hamilton community and dealing with the concerns of student groups. Remaining unchanged is the Judicial branch. It consists of the Judicial Board and Honor Court, which exists and operates in the same manor and under the same principles as they did under the old Constitution.

Several student groups which held positions on the Central Council in the old framework are now solely represented under the Community Forum branch. The Black and Latin Student Union, La Vanguardia, Asian Cultural Society, and the Inter-Society Council no longer hold positions on the Senate, the equivalent of the old Central Council. The Campus Activities Board was released as a branch of the Assembly in an attempt to separate them from the bureaucracy of student government.

The composition of the Senate has been the most controversial topic of the new Constitution. The loss of seats for student groups under the new system has once again brought the question of dual representation into light. The Assembly has been struggling with this issue since last semester when an amendment was proposed to remove non-elected positions from the Central Council. Several student groups held non-elected positions on both the CCC and the Central Council. The amendment last semester eliminated these positions and left the groups with representation solely on the CCC. A petition circulated among the student body by the Asian Cultural Society, the BLSU and La Vanguardia brought

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## Authorless accusations create stir on campus

By Benjamin Berkman '96
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

What appeared to be an informal, stopgap truce between the Hamilton community and its Greek system was shattered early Wednesday morning as an anonymous flyer slandering three fraternity members appeared on dining hall tables.

Proclaiming itself a "profile of three Greek-letter society members," the flyer contained xeroxed facsimiles of the facebook pictures of Joshua Van Dyne '97, Eric Ridder '96 and Ronald Mammano '97, and identified them as members of Sigma Phi, Alpha Delta Phi and Delta Upsilon, respectively.

Also included were ersatz quotes from the above students and bastardizations of their names.

Renaming them "Josh Van Dyke," "Eric 'Cap'n Trip' Ritalin," and "Ron Bahamamama," the notice's author(s) accused the trio of a variety of offenses: drug use, elitism and vandalism among others; apparently in attempt to evoke a negative response toward Hamilton's fraternities.

Ronald Mammano expressed a profound sense of surprise at having been one of the victims of the attack. "It was a shock," he said, "I don't know what I've done to provoke it. If you have your own opinions about fraternities, you have a right to express them. But to go after individuals is not the way to do it."

Adding to Mammano's resentment was the idea that the flyer's author(s) violated the feeling of community that makes Hamilton a special place. "Hamilton is supposed to be about mutual respect and tolerance," he said. "Whoever did this does not belong on this campus."

Eric Ridder expanded on the conceit of a community in conflict. "If this is a personal attack, I really don't care. I mean it's a shot in the dark which is something this campus has gotten very good at: taking potshots at people and then receding

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## Accident disrupts weekend activities

By Jacob Stetser '98
EDITORIAL CONSULTANT

The falling temperatures last Friday might have played a factor in an accident whose effects reverberated across the campus. At 4 p.m., near the bottom of College Hill, Aeron Doron '98 flipped a 1995 Land Rover and hit a telephone pole while driving down the hill.

Doron suffered a broken foot and a three-hour stay at a nearby hospital. However, as a result of the accident, power to the south side of campus had to be cut for repairs to the downed telephone pole.

Director of Student Activities Beverly Low talked the power technicians into delaying their repairs to the telephone pole, which allowed several of the night's planned activities, including the Deep Blue Something concert, to proceed as planned.

The concert ended promptly at midnight, and the audience was

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## Faculty discuss tenure issue

By Tom Ayres '98
STAFF WRITER

Tenure. What is it? Some students responded, "So what if a professor has been here ten years?"

Tenure is the system which guarantees that senior faculty members a permanent position after they have fulfilled specified requirements over six years. What is not understood by the student body, however, is a much discussed and stressed over topic among professional educators. The controversial issue came to a head at Bennington College last year, where the new president declared a financial emergency and fired many professors, including some tenured members of the faculty.

The idea behind tenure is that professors, once granted tenure, will be free to teach and write in their specific disciplines without the threat of being fired. Thus, professors can incorporate new teaching techniques into their classes and pursue scholarly goals. But how well does this system work, and more importantly, how does it affect the entire college community?

There is no doubt that tenure increases the comfort level of those who have it, but critics within the field of education have argued that it does more harm than good. Both tenured and untenured professors have claimed the archaic system does not do what it is supposed to do-protect academic freedom. They base this argument on the observation that junior faculty members are stifled by the constant scrutiny, and thus do not feel free to speak their minds. Moreover, it divides the faculty into two distinct factions, that is, those who have tenure and those who don't.

Students at large universities complain that tenured professors devote too much time to research and not enough to their classes. And what about the problem with irremovable burned-out or lazy senior professors, so-called "deadwood" on the faculty? Administrators and teachers here had much to say about the system that is exclusive to their profession.

Associate Dean of Faculty Nat Strout explained the rehiring and ten

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# Republicans duke it out in Iowa

By Matthew Nolan '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Iowa Caucus results were much closer than was originally expected creating even greater tension going into next week's New Hampshire primary. Pat Buchanan, the man who last election year stunned George Bush before fading off, took a sizable chunk of the vote, garnering 23% just behind leader Bob Dole's 26%. Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee governor, finished close behind. Steve Forbes, the publishing millionaire, placed a distant fourth. The results imply that Republicans throughout the country are not yet ready to believe that the 72 year old Dole can defeat the incumbent President. Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, who finished fifth in the caucuses, dropped out this week, citing lack of support as the key to his decision.

The results were impressive for Buchanan who is riding two successful campaigns in both the Louisiana Primary where he defeated Senator Gramm. The strength of the Christian Coalition in Iowa is seen as a strong factor in Buchanan's success. His true popularity will be tested, however, when he visits the northeast in preparation for the upcoming New Hampshire Primary.

Bob Dole's campaign took a hit with the results of the Iowa Caucus showing him holding only a fragile lead. The Senator's experience did not seem to hold as much weight when held up against the both moderate, and strongly conservative rhetoric of his close opponents. The victory is still that for Dole though, who saw himself sliding in the polls following President Clinton's State of the Union address a few weeks ago. The Senator hopes to refocus his campaign and secure a more stable lead with a victory in New Hampshire.

| Candidate | Vote % | Votes |
|---|---|---|
| Republicans | | |
| Dole | 26% | 25,738 |
| Buchanan | 23% | 22,512 |
| Alexander | 18% | 17,003 |
| Forbes | 10% | 9,816 |
| Gramm | 9% | 9,001 |
| Keyes | 7% | 7,179 |
| Lugar | 4% | 3,576 |
| Taylor | 1% | 1,380 |
| Dornan | 0% | 131 |
| Democrats | | |
| Clinton | 100% | — |
| Other | 0% | — |

The Iowa Caucuses provided a shot in the arm for the campaign of Lamar Alexander. It appears that moderates, turned off by the media blitz of Forbes may have ended up supporting Alexander's bid. Taking a whopping 18%, and beating Forbes and Gramm by a sizable margin Alexander is attempting to portray himself as the candidate with the best chance to beat Clinton in the fall. Alexander is taking his trademark red and black checked shirt, as well as his grass roots style campaign to New Hampshire where he hopes to gain momentum, possibly surpassing the Buchanan campaign.

The estimated $4 million that Steve Forbes poured into television adds in the midwestern state did not garner the support that he had hoped for. While the candidate was not considered a favorite in the race, his television blitz may have been poorly aimed. Iowa is a state which is seemingly more open to homespun, and personality oriented campaigns. New Hampshire sees Forbes closer to Dole. The Granite State is traditionally more receptive to television campaigning the likes of which Forbes has done. His hard-hitting commercials are seemed to be eroding Dole's once strong lead in the state.

The New Hampshire polls show Steve Forbes holding a fragile lead over Dole, with Buchanan and Alexander a bit further back. The primary next week may weed out more candidates from the Republican field, and give the country a better look at the Republican candidates. The upcoming primary is a key location and time for many of the candidates. Thursday night saw a debate on CNN, candidates sparred over issues of taxes and negative campaigning.

# Presidential candidate profiles

## *A former education secretary, and Forbes, a CEO*

By Matthew Nolan '98
NEWS STAFF WRITER

### Lamar Alexander

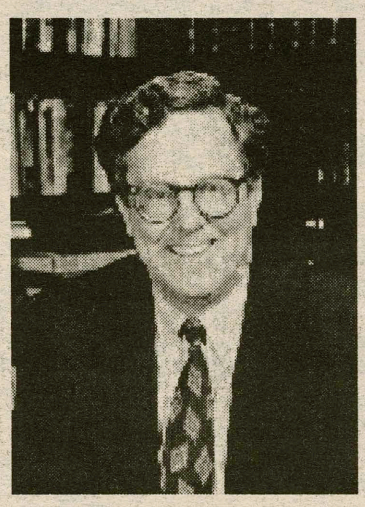
**Party:** Republican
**Age:** 55
**Hometown:** Nashville, TN
**Education:** Vanderbilt University, B.A., 1962; New York University Law School, J.D. 1965
**Current Job:** Attorney with Fowler, Roundtree, & Robertson
**Philosophy:** Centrist in the past, recently has espoused conservative

populist views
**Past Political History:** Secretary of Education (1991-1993); Governor of Tennessee (1979-1987)
**Pet Issue:** Passing responsibility for issues such as law enforcement, medicare, welfare, and job training back to the states.
**Bits and Bytes:** Alexander's lack of charisma makes him a tough candidate to sell, but his experience and record definitely favor him. Truly Alexander's campaign tactics focus on placing him as an outsider to the rest of the Republican field. With an excellent campaign staff working for him, and his experience as a leader on the state level Alexander is a well rounded candidate. Unfortunately, a lack of charisma in the area of public speaking, and a campaign rhetoric that is relatively moderate is not as popular with many conservatives.

*Correction*
*An error appeared in last week's Spectator in regards to the age of Senator, and presidential candidate Bob Dole, the correct age should have read 72, not the 52 that was published.*

### Malcolm S. "Steve" Forbes

**Party:** Republican
**Age:** 48
**Hometown:** Morristown, NJ
**Education:** Princeton University, B.A. (1970)
**Current Job:** President and CEO, Forbes, Inc.
**Philosophy:** Supply Side Economics
**Past Political History:** none
**Pet Issue:** Flat Tax
**Bits and Bytes:** Forbes is an enigma to many, there are many things that people like about the man, mostly the fact that he is an outsider. But many



others, including his opponents, question his lack of experience both in the political arena and in life. Having inherited the family business, Steve Forbes was definitely born with a silver spoon in his mouth. The 17% flat tax he is pushing, and which so much of his campaign rhetoric is founded on, is seen as a popular issue because it promises to alleviate so much of the red tape of the current tax system. While he is close to Dole in New Hampshire polls, Forbes finished a disappointing fourth in Iowa.

# Hamilton College News Bulletins

## BU Professor to Give Phi Beta Kappa Lecture

Merle Goldman, a history pofessor at Boston University, wil give a lecture titled, "China's Intellectuals at the End of the 20th Century," on Monday, Feb. 19, at 4:30 p.m., in Dwight Lounge of the Bristol Campus Center. The lecture is free and open to the general public.

**Merle Goldman**

Goldman, who joined the faculty at Boston University in 1972, received her B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College, her master's degree from Radcliffe College and her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1964.

Past president of the New England Council of the Association of Asian Studies and currently chairperson of the New England China Seminar, she is also the recipient of the 1981 Radcliffe Graduate Medal for Distinguished Acheivement, a member of th Presidential Commision on Radio Asia and a trustee of Sarah Lawrence College.

Goldman is the author of several books including *Sowing Seeds of Democracy in China: Political Reform in the Den Xiaoping Era*, which was chosen as the best book on government in 1994 by the American Association of Publishers, Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division. In addition, she is on the editorial board of *The China Quarterly*.

The Phi Beta Kappa Associates Lectureship provides speakers for special occasions sponsored by Phi Bate Kappa groups. Established in 1942, the Lectureship is one of the important activities sponsored by the PHi Beta Kappa Associates, a group of Phi Beta Kappa members organized to foster and advance the welfare of the Society and the ideals for which it stands. By way of its panel of distinguished speakers, the Lectureship contributes directly to the intellectual life of the campus and community.

The Hamilton College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was established in 1870. Students are elected to membership primarily for academic distinction in the liberal arts and sciences.

## Prominent Afro-American Scholar to Give Lecture

Henry Louis Gates, Jr., one of America's most dynamic intellectuals and a passionate advocate of Afro-American Studies, will speak on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 4:15 p.m., in the Hamilton College Chapel. The lecture, "Race and Class in America," is free and open to the general public.

Gates, who is the W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of the Humanities, professor of English, chair of Afro-American Studies and director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research at Harvard University, has transformed Harvard's Afro-American Studies department into a thriving and respected center. His critical studies of Afro-American oral and literary traditions have had a broad impact on literary theorists and Afro-American Studies scholars.

PHOTO BY RACHEL HIRSCH

**Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**

An influential cultural critic, Gates's publications include "The Black Renaissance," which was a 1994 cover story on black artists for *Time* magazine. He has also devoted considerable energy to the recovery of black literature. His books include, *Figures in Black: Words, Signs & the 'Racial' Self, The Signifying Monkey: A Theory of Afro-American Literary Criticism* (a 1989 American Book Award winner) and *Colored People: A Memoir*, a story about growing up in West Virginia in the 1950s and 1960s, released in the spring of 1994.

Gates received his B.A. from Yale University on 1973 and attended Clare College at the University of Cambridge, in England, where he received his master's degree and his Ph.D. in 1979. He has received numerous awards and is a member of various professional associations and committees. His honors and grants include a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" in 1981- at age of 30.

"Race and Class in America," is part of the Winton Tolles Lecture Series, which was established in 1991 by members of the Class of 1951 for their 40th Reunion. The series brings distinguished writers to the campus, from the fields of literature, journalism and theatre. The series is in memory of Winton Tolles, Class of 1928 and Dean of the College from 1947-1972.

# News from other Ivory Towers

*--compiled by Scott Kocher '97*

### E-mail sender admits to forgery

—ANN ARBOR, Mich, February 15—James Nash, former co-editorial page editor of The University of Michigan Daily, admitted responsibility for a forged e-mail falsely sent under the name of University President James Duderstadt this week. The letter was sent to more than 70 University e-mail groups early Tuesday evening. It contained several uses of profanity and a threat to "declare the UM (sic) invalid." It followed a long series of letters that began with the recirculation of a year-old racist e-mail. "It wasn't a serious attempt to be [Duderstadt], but it was a misuse of his name," said Laurie Burns, associate director for customer relations with the Information Technology Division at the University.

Nash said he regrets the incident. "I am deeply sorry to President Duderstadt and the University community for this embarrassment," Nash said. Burns said Nash could face penalties for sending a message under a false name and for using the account of another person to post the message. She said Nash could face "various levels of disciplinary action." She said action could come from the ITD and "disciplinary policies that are under the Code of Student Conduct."

### Virginia Tech football players could face charges of sexual assault

—CHARLOTTESVILLE, Vir, February 13—Former Virginia Tech student Christy Brzonkala's federal lawsuit against the school and two of its football players continues to unfold, revealing alleged details about Virginia Tech that could keep the school in the headlines, and the case's major players in federal court, for years to come.

Brzonkala, now a student at George Mason University, is suing Virginia Tech and the two scholarship athletes, Antonio Morrison and James L. Crawford, for allegedly raping her Sept. 21, 1994. She is the first in the country to sue under Title IX of the federal 1994 Violence Against Women Act. Part of the law states a woman cannot be discriminated against during a trial.

"I'm going to show that this is intentional discrimination," said Eileen Wagner, Brzonkala's lawyer. "Members of the university administration did concrete things ... that gave a male student advantage over a female student."

Wagner said the two defendants had unfair access to documents during their disciplinary hearings that her client never had a chance to see.

Wagner, who said she was raped while attending the University in 1969, filed a civil case in Roanoke district court on her client's behalf Jan. 2, 1996, two days after Virginia Tech won the USF&G Sugar Bowl.

Brzonkala is suing for $8.3 million, the exact amount Tech gained from their bowl victory.

Virginia Tech lawyers filed a motion to dismiss the case, but they have not filed a brief, Wagner said. Brzonkala overdosed on prescription drugs and alcohol in October 1994 after suffering from depression.

Brzonkala was allegedly raped after she and her friend Hope Handley came to Morrison's suite in Cochrane athletic dormitory, which was on the same hall as Handley's suite. Wagner said Morrison raped Brzonkala after Handley and Crawford left the room. Crawford re-entered the room and raped Brzonkala while Morrison held her down, Wagner said. There may have been another football player in the room or just outside of the room during the alleged assault. Handley never returned.

Crawford was found not guilty after All-American Hokie football player Cornell Brown said he was with Crawford in another room at the time of the alleged rape. Two committees suspended Morrison for a year after finding him guilty of sexual assault.

### Univ. of Michigan, MIT join Magellan project

—TUCSON, Ariz, February 15—Financial backing of an enormous mirror for the Steward Observatory Mirror Lab was obtained after the University of Michigan and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced their commitment to the Magellan telescope project this week.

UM and MIT join the University of Arizona, Harvard and the Carnegie Institute of Washington in the project, a $65-70 million endeavor that will build two optical/infrared telescopes atop the Las Campanas Observatory in Chile.

Michigan's and MIT's membership means that the financial needs for the mirror have been met.

"The fact that these groups have now joined has permitted us to make a second mirror," said Peter Strittmatter, astronomy head and director of Steward Observatory.

The Carnegie Institute and UA began the Magellan project more than seven years ago, Strittmatter said. The original plan called for one telescope, but has since evolved into a dual-telescope project, he said.

The second mirror, for use in Magellan II, will be a "virtual carbon copy" of the Magellan I mirror, Hinman said. The lab should begin casting Magellan II sometime in mid-1997.

The Magellan telescopes will give astronomers more than twice the light-gathering power of all facilities in the southern hemisphere.

The two telescopes can combine their light for better imaging or can be used independently. Each telescope may be outfitted with different instrumentation, but this detail and others will be discussed at an upcoming Magellan consortium meeting in April.

# News Briefs from around the World

*--compiled by Matt Winterroth '99*

### South Koreans burn Japanese flag

SEOUL, South Korea - Protesters rallying to condemn Japan's claim to a tiny island near South Korea burned the Japanese flag and an effigy of Tokyo's foreign minister Sunday. The diplomatic row over Tok-do islet, or Takeshima in Japanese, has heated up in the last few weeks and it threatens already shaky bilateral relations. In the second straight day of rallies, about 150 protesters Sunday chanted "Tok-do is Our Land!" and "Japan Apologize!" as flames engulfed the Japanese flag during the rally at Seoul's Pagoda Park.

The park was the site earlier this century of demonstrations against the 1910-45 Japanese colonial rule, a period that is still angers many South Koreans. One protester stamped on the burning effigy of Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda. Ikeda upset South Koreans on Friday when he reaffirmed Japan's territorial claim and demanded Seoul cancel plans to build a wharf on the islet, which is controlled by South Korea.

On Saturday, the South Korean president's office called the Japanese argument "preposterous." On the same day, about 30 activists wearing army fatigues rallied in front of the Japanese embassy.

President Kim Young-sam canceled a scheduled visit by a delegation from Japan's governing coalition, and front-page news reports said Seoul threatened to cancel a planned South Korea-Japan summit in March.

On Sunday, police beefed up security around the embassy to guard against possible attacks.

Both Japan and South Korea claim the rocky outcropping, which lies roughly halfway between the two countries in the Korea Strait, saying their fishermen have used it and fished surrounding waters since ancient times.

A natural habitat for sea gulls and an occasional haven for distressed fishermen, the island has rarely drawn international attention.

While South Korea and Japan have strong economic links, their political ties have been slow to form because of the colonial history. South Koreans have bitter memories of being mobilized for forced labor and sexual slavery for Japanese soldiers.

### Japan's space shuttle program suffers setback

TOKYO - A small prototype for an unmanned Japanese space shuttle sank Monday after landing in the Pacific Ocean. Officials said a rope connecting the shuttle to a flotation device snapped, allowing the one-ton craft to sink. Despite the setback, Japan's National Space Development Agency said the Hyflex shuttle is still expected to go up in the year 2000. It is to be used mainly to transport materials into space and conduct experiments. Another test launch is scheduled to take place in March in Australia.

### Multi-transplant man goes home

ROME - A man who received a six organ transplant at a Miami hospital returned to his native Italy nearly seven months after the 36-hour operation. Leonardo Cioce, 29, was suffering from Gardner's Syndrome, a rare congenital disease in which tumors slowly invade and strangle organs. Cioce received a new kidney, pancreas, stomach, large intestines, small intestines and liver from a brain-dead donor. The operation was directed by Dr. Andreas Tzakis, one of the leading transplant specialists in the United States.

### Prime Minister, Trinidad newspaper end racial tiff

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad - An alleged racially incited disagreement between Prime Minister Basdeo Panday and Trinidad's oldest newspaper *Guardian* has been resolved. Last week, the prime minister claimed an editorial in the paper appeared to make him a liar. The editorial asked Panday to substantiate claims the opposition was planning violent demonstrations to destabilize Panday's three-month-old government. Panday of East Indian descent, called Editor in Chief Jones P. Madeira a racist, and demanded that he be fired. Panday said he would not speak to Guardian reporters and banned them from government events.

### Two car bombs kill 17; injure dozens in Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria - Two car bombs blamed on Muslim militants killed 17 people and wounded 93 others Sunday in the bloodiest day this year in this North African country torn by an Islamic insurgency. Seventeen people were killed and 52 injured when a car bomb exploded in the Belcourt quarter of the capital, Algiers, according to official sources. Earlier Sunday, a powerful car bomb planted in another bustling quarter of the capital, Bab el Oued, exploded and wounded 41 people.

# National News Briefs

*--compiled by Matt Winterroth '99*

### Resnick back on stand against Simpson

NEW YORK - Faye Resnick testified that O.J. Simpson used cocaine in the past and threatened to kill his ex-wife because she "rejected him, shamed and humiliated him," her lawyer said. Resnick is in the third day of her deposition in the wrongful death suits filed against Simpson. Lawyers were strongly considering quitting the case because of Simpson's refusal to heed their advice and because of concerns he won't be able to pay all his legal bills. Lead attorneys are considering three options: leaving the case outright, leaving just during the pretrial process and returning for the trial, or continuing with the hopes that Simpson will listen to his lawyers.

### Four escape from prison, two still missing

CENTRAL FALLS, R.I. - Authorities continue their search for two prisoners who cut through a recreation yard fence and climbed over razor wire to escape from a privately run detention center. Two other inmates were captured early Sunday. The hunt for the remaining two fugitives, one of whom was considered extremely dangerous, spread to Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The two fugitives were identified as Paul Lowe, 26, and Dennis Dussault of Pawtucket.

### Spacecraft to aim at asteroid

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - On Friday, NASA will try to launch a sale-priced spacecraft the size of a golf cart on a three-year, 1.3 billion-mile journey to the asteroid 433 Eros, believed to be twice the size of Manhattan. It will be the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid. The probe, dubbed Near for Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous, is expected to slip into Eros' orbit in February 1999, just before Valentine's Day, and scrutinize the surface and even the interior of the asteroid for almost one year.

### First computer celebrates 50th anniversary

PHIL. - It had no monitor, could remember only 10 numbers at a time, and filled a room with 50 tons of electricity-sucking gear. But it could crunch numbers with what seemed like blinding speed. 50 years ago, the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer was demonstrated to the world for the first time at the University of Penn. ENIAC counted to 5,000 in one-fifth of a second, shocking the world out of the mechanical age and onto the first step of the world of lightning-quick digital processing.

# Personal attacks appear in Commons

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into the shadows."

That the author(s) questioned Van Dyne's sexual orientation exacerbated Ridder's bewilderment and annoyance. "I'm confused," he said, "A lot of people on this campus dislike fraternities for intellectual reasons but these same people are typically against homophobia as well. It's both ironic and ignorant."

Many students objected to the flyer's invasion of its subjects' privacy. "It's irrelevant whether the statements are true or even humorous," said Tom Ayres '98. "The fact that the names and pictures of these individuals were used turns this incident into character assassination which is completely unacceptable. Students are not public figures, and therefore should not be satirized or made fun of in flyers on dining room tables."

Van Dyne was reached by *The Spectator,* but was unavailable for comment.

On condition of anonymity, one student contradicted the above viewpoints. "I think it hits the nail right on the head. Destruction of property, snobbery and drugs are exactly what these students and their fraternities are known for. The flyer and what it stands for just reaffirms what we've known all along."

For Junior Chris Peters, the flyer provoked a combined reaction of amusement and confusion. "I'm a society member and it puts a smile on my face," he said. "It's witty, and its creator obviously understands Hamilton stereotypes. Nevertheless, it's not a valid argument against fraternities. I don't know what it's arguing against."

Though the intent of the flyer was a consistent source of befuddlement, one thing about it was clear. "It is an act of harassment, a grievance," said Judicial Board Chair Andrew Camacho '97. To refine his point, Camacho added, "It is both a character and affiliation attack."

Evidently, the members of Delta Upsilon Fraternity agreed as they collectively responded to the flyer's allegations by circulating one of their own on Thursday afternoon. Calling Wednesday's flyer "preposterous, idiotic, and feeble-minded," the author of Delta Upsilon's flyer, Joe Mucha '96, went on to list his fraternity brothers' many achievements.

At press time neither Mammano nor Ridder intended to file charges, but if Van Dyne decides to, the school must decide on the appropriate channel of discipline. "We're not sure whether this would be a case for the J-Board or the Community Relations Board," Camacho said. Professor Nancy Rabinowitz, a member of the newly established Community Relations Board, was contacted by *The Spectator,* but refused to comment.

To remedy the tense situation caused by the flyer, Mammano suggests awareness and forethought in the future. "I think these stereotypes have to be changed. People should know what they're talking about before they act in a manner like this."

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# Accident wrecks campus

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rushed out of the Events Barn before the south side of the campus fell into darkness. "It was cool," said Scott Kocher '97, "everything was dark and there was the new Pub, lit up like a Christmas tree."

A party in ELS also had to disband early because of the outage.

Students were told that the repairs would take all night, and that the power would be off until early in the morning. However, around 1 a.m. power was restored to the campus.

The outage affected more than just the south side, however, as Andrew Camacho '97 was trapped in the Beinecke elevator while moving equipment after the concert. Network problems were reported in Bristol, as well as several residence halls on the north side, and in a smattering of other offices and locales.

The vehicle was totalled beyond repair; however, there were no charges pressed. The owner of the vehicle, Anne Prenner '98 could not be reached for comment.

# Assembly restructures

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the amendment to a vote by the Student Body. The vote repealed the amendment and reinstated these seats. The reconstruction of the Constitution has permanently eliminated student group representation on the Senate.

Members of the Senate feel the CCC is a more efficient organization for dealing with minority concerns than the Senate. "In my view, it was not so much a question of dual representation as it was a question of reaffirming the separation of responsibilities of the Senate and CCC," said Andrew Edelson, President of Student Assembly.

There are several by-laws proposed that have not yet been voted into law. Dealt with in these proposed by-laws is the accountability of the student representatives. The by-laws would provide for the impeachment of an elected official. Furthermore, attendance requirements have been tightened to only three absences per term of office. Article seven of the proposed by-laws spells out the criteria and method for contesting elections.

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**Siblings' Weekend Schedule**

Friday Feb. 16, 1996
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4:00 PM-7:30 PM Dinner in Dining Halls
7:30 PM Kirkland Film Society Film- *Pocahontas* $ in Kirner Johnson
10:00 PM-11:30 PM Fun Skate (bring your own ice skates) in Sage Rink

*Other Events on campus:*
NY State Swimming Championships in Bristol Pool
7:00 PM Men's Hockey vs. AIC in Sage Rink
8:00 PM Hamilton Performing Art Series: Joe Goode Performance Group $ in Wellin Hall

Saturday Feb. 17, 1996
9:00 AM-12:00 PM Registration in Filius Events Barn
10:30 AM-2:00 PM Brunch in the Dining Halls
11:30 AM-1:30 PM Demonstration at Minor Field by Outing Club
(meet outside of Benedict Hall)
Snow Sculpture Contest sponsored by Residential Life Office
12:00 PM- 2:00 PM Chili Cookoff in Bristol
1:30 PM-3:00 PM Acappella Groups in Chapel
4:00 PM-5:00 PM Tour of WHCL Radio Station in Bristol Campus Center
4:00 PM-7:30 PM Dinner in the Dining Halls
7:30 PM-9:00 PM- African Storyteller Performance-KPE in Kirner Johnson
10:00 PM-1:00 AM Reggae Band- S.W.A.M.M.P. in Filius Events Barn
10:00 PM Kirkland Film Society-*Pocahontas* $ in Kirner Johnson

*Other Events on campus:*
NY State Swimming Championships in Bristol Pool
3:00 PM Men's Hockey vs. Conn. in Sage Rink
7:00PM Women's Hockey vs. Maine in Sage Rink

Sunday Feb. 18, 1996
10:30 AM Interfaith Service in Chapel
10:30 AM-2:00 PM Brunch in the Dining Halls
1:00 PM Women's Hockey vs. Bowdoin in Sage Rink

# Faculty members articulate views on tenure

*continued from Tenure*

ure process as "a time-consuming and carefully performed" task that is done with the "utmost seriousness." The tenure track has many stages and facets, all designed to sort the sheep from the goats, and in most cases the most outstanding sheep from the good sheep. To ensure that the College is hiring and keeping the best professors, candidates undergo extensive application processes finally to be hired on two-year appointments.

**Chain Of Recommendations**

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Unless the assistant professor works under special, alternative tenure clock, they are evaluated for re-appointment in the fall of their second and and fourth year. The procedure involves gathering student recommendations, both teacher-selected and at random, which are combined with a narrative of course evaluations, the professor's personal statement, and a sample of any scholarly works in the specific field. The candidate for re-hiring is judged on three criteria: teaching, scholarship, and service to the school.

"Professors must live in two worlds," said Mr. Strout, "in the community as instructors of classes and as scholars in their disciplines; service to the school is a corollary to those two worlds." He stressed that this a teaching college, not a research university, so the emphasis is on instruction, though scholarship does play an integral part. "Research and artistic performance demonstrate commitment to the profession and intellectual liveliness in the professor, both of which are essential to good teaching," he added.

Chair of the English department and tenured professor Margaret Thickstun reiterated Mr. Strout's claim: "Scholarship and teaching are mutually invigorating activities. A person who continues to be intellectually engaged in one will tend to be the same in the other." She went on to say that naturally there are superlative teachers who don't publish much, particularly of the earlier generation when sustained scholarship was not required. "However," Ms. Thickstun explained, "the younger faulty, having come through graduate school and tenure with this expectation and having experienced the excitement of publishing their ideas to the world, are less likely to abandon scholarship."

**Materials for Re-appointment (2nd and 4th year)**

- 20 Student Recommendations (10 candidate-chosen/ 10 randomly selected)
- Narrative of Course Evaluations
- Personal Statement
- Published Scholarly Works and Manuscripts
- Description of Courses and Teaching Material

Returning to the actual tenure procedure, which takes place in the sixth year, the requirements are much more strenuous. In addition to the material used in previous re-appointments, scholarly and teaching recommendations from colleagues, both inside and outside, the college are compiled. The tenure candidate's portfolio is sent through the rehiring chain of boards and committees, but in this case the Trustees make the final decision, not President Tobin.

Assuming the the candidate has been granted tenure, he/she is elevated to the title of associate professor and endowed with freedom to carry on their work without the worry of being fired. Those that do not make the tenure cut may remain for one additional year in order to give them sufficient time to make other arrangements. In the seventh year after tenure (thirteenth total), full professorship may be granted after an evaluation process.

Despite the tedious and seemingly endless process, Instructor in Philosophy Amie Macdonald, whose tenure clock is currently ticking away, pointed out that it separates the post-secondary teaching profession from others in terms of job security. "College instructors prize the possibility of having a job that you can't be fired from, "she said, "unlike any other profession, senior professors are not subject to the whims of the market or employers." Included in the academic freedom is the financial and intellectual stability gained from being awarded tenure.

**Materials for Tenure (6th year)**

Same as Re-appointments, except for...
- Student Recommendations (12 candidate chosen/ 30-35 randomly chosen)
- 5 Assessments of Published Works and Manuscripts from Dean of Faculty selected, tenured professors outside the College
- 6 Colleague Recommendations

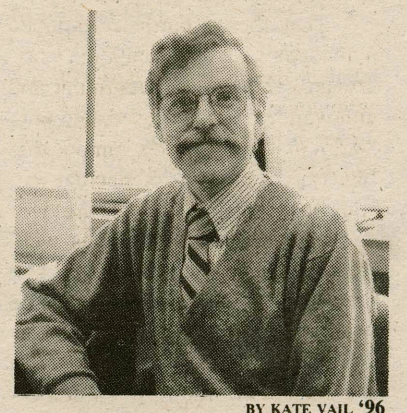
When asked about the stifling effect for junior professors and the division of the faculty supposedly brought on by tenure, Ms. Macdonald replied that the process is although tenure is antithetical to its purpose in these cases, she has found that "senior members to be quite supportive and sensitive to the number of those untenured that feel exposed due to the political nature of departmental relations."

Modifications to the now-or-never qualities of tenure is a hot topic in the field of education, especially after the Bennington incident. Because the federal government prohibits its mandatory retirement ages, reformers have proposed various kinds of post-tenure review processes. Ms. Thickstun articulated one such system of rolling five-year contracts: "Every year a person received a new five-year contract so that then, if a new contract was not forthcoming, the person would either have either four more years to improve and win a new contract or four years to look for a new position."

Reformers have also pointed out the attributes of the system in British universities. Professors are hired as assistant lecturers, and if they "work out," as most do, they are "made permanent" after two or three years. That length of time is enough for colleagues to spot obvious problems. A scholar does not advance in the profession without publishing, however, so those with ambition work steadily to produce scholarship. The example of this system is the premise of the argument for shortening the time it takes to get tenure.

Ms. Macdonald likens tenure to judicial system in that despite its flaws, its the best system around. "For lack of a better system," she said, "you deal with the shortcomings in order to have the possibility of reaping the benefits."

## *Faculty Opinions On Tenure*



BY KATE VAIL '96

***Assistant Dean of Faculty***
**Nat Strout**

"The tenure process is a time consuming and carefully performed procedure; it is done with a great deal of seriousness."

BY KATE VAIL '96

***Associate Prof. of English***
**Margaret Thickstun**

"I find most tenured faculty here to be enormously responsible and dedicated - we are professionals. No group should be penalized because a fluke individual here or there abuses the system; besides, the Dean does have ways to address those problem cases."

BY KATE VAIL '96

***Instructor in Philosophy***
**Amie Macdonald**

"Tenure is analogous to the judicial system because despite its flaws, it remains the best way to do things. For lack of a better system you deal with shortcomings of the tenure process in order to have the possibility of reaping the benefits."

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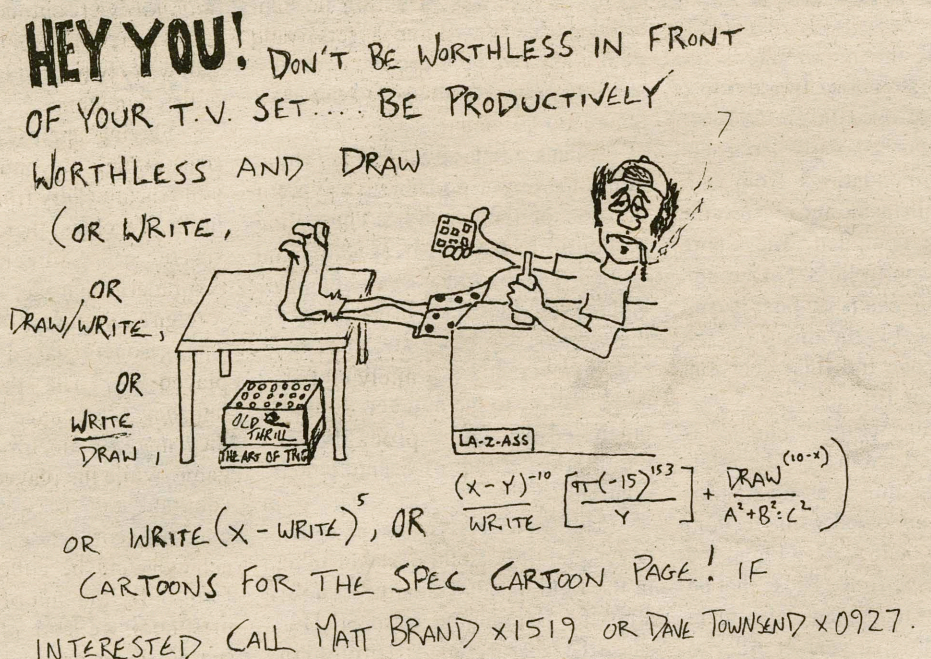
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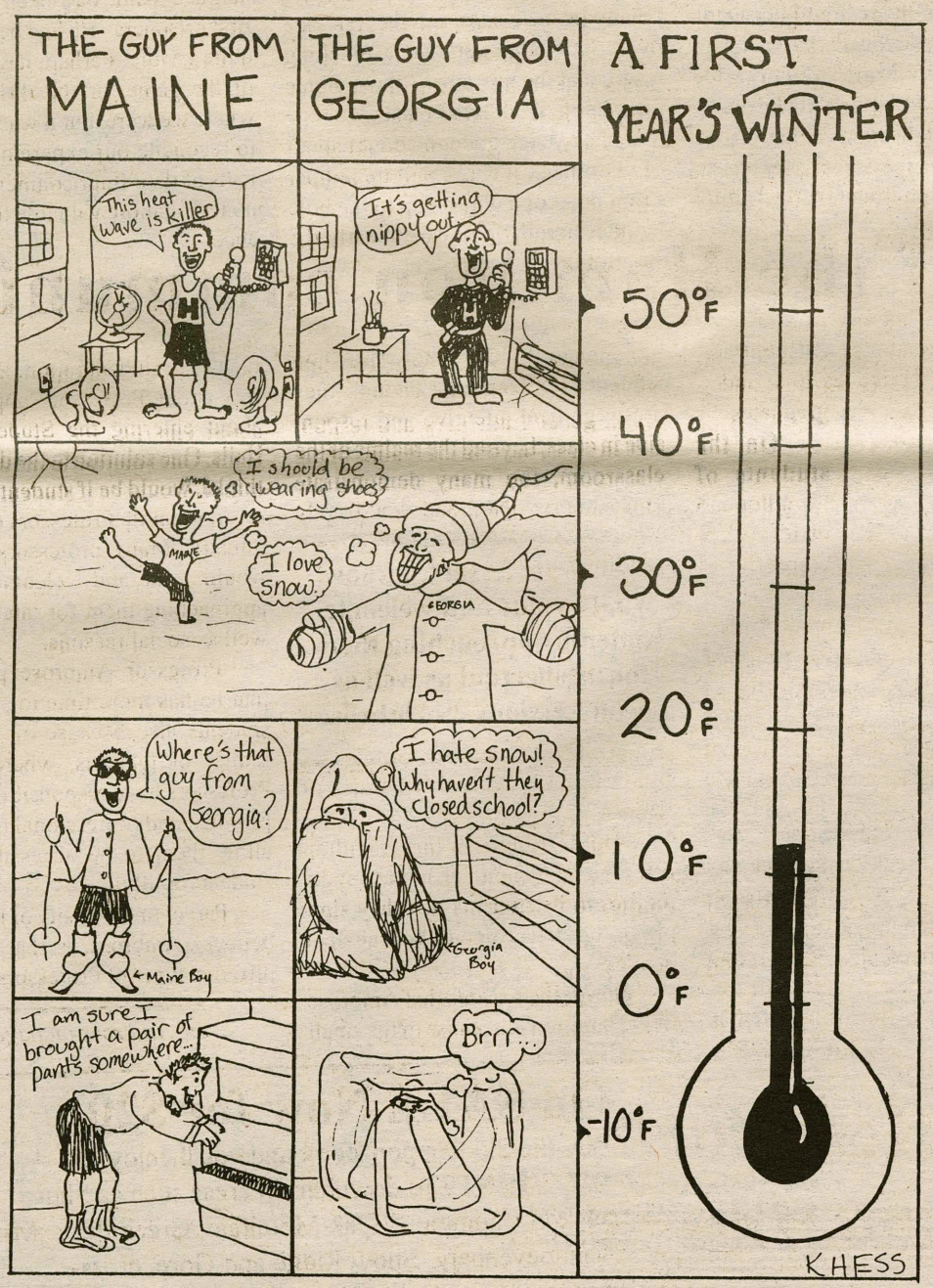


# Quotable Quotes

## By Missy Wiechmann '97

**"Don't worry, I was decootieized before I crossed the Mason-Dixon line."**
***-Desiree Lovell '97 telling someone that they can eat the piece of chocolate that she had bitten into.***

**"All those Dead brothers do is sit in their rooms and listen to DKE music."**
***-Eric Ritvo '96 quoting me to me. I know this is a really bad week to buy into fraternity stereotypes, but at least THIS isn't slander.***

**"I have an I.Q. of 160. I took the test three times, it's cumulative."**
***-Anonymous student. I wonder why this student chose to remain anonymous?***

**"Smiling? It's Valentine's day, you're damn lucky I'm not blowing this whole school to pieces."**
***-Amy Raskin '99 in response to the inquiry of why she wasn't smiling. I guess someone had a really bad day.***

**"Right now your body is producing enough testosterone to kill a man in his fifties."**
***-Overheard in the Rok this past weekend. Quite an interesting conversation, I wish I had heard the rest of it.***

**"A semi- colon is like the kind of period you have on the pill, a very light period."**
***-Professor Jean D'Costa with a very interesting analogy.***

**"I'd shake your hand, but it was just down my pants."**
***-Jeremy Ford '97. Well at least he was being completely honest.***

**"If this gravy had any more lumps in it you would have to check it for breast cancer."**
***-Anonymous sophomore woman in response to the delectable food served in the dining halls.***

**"I've been out every night because everyone keeps telling me I'll only be a senior once, but at the rate I'm going, I may be a senior twice."**
***-Anonymous senior man in response to the opening of The Little Pub.***

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SPLAT!
YES, I SEE WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.
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# Prison experience turns game into something special

By David H. Townsend '97
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

*Two Hamilton intramural basketball teams, the* Untouchables *and the* Violators, *recently took trips to the Mohawk Valley Correctional Facility to play a team of prisoners. This is a record of the trip taken by the Violators. For reasons of pride, the score has been omitted from the record. Thanks to Sam Walker for coordinating the experience.*

It gave new meaning to home court advantage. From the parking lot, it looked like any other building, but as soon as we got out of the van and stepped in the door we got a whole new perspective on freedom.

The man at the front desk collected our belongings. Watches, sunglasses, spare change, keys, and a pack of gum were confiscated before entering the prison. Photos were absolutely illegal in the prison, unless pre-approved by the warden. "The prisoners have lots of rights." a guard said with a shrug.

When the receptionist had verified we were who we said we were, a wall of bars at the far end of the room opened up, and we were ushered in. The hard clang of the bars sliding closed behind us locked us in a cage with another door of bars at the other end. After another I.D. check, the far door slid open and we walked through it to a door that led outside. My first impression of what we walked into was a tunnel. We were surrounded on every side and above by a chain link fence on top of which were hundreds of coils of razor wire. We could all feel the monotony and oppression that surrounded the place. It seemed the farther we walked down the tunnel of wires, the heavier the feeling became.

**The *Violators* before their trip to prison.**

A van waited for us on the other side of a locked, chain link door at the far end of the tunnel. As the guard drove us to the gym, he pointed out the football and baseball fields, the outdoor basketball courts, and the classrooms. There was also a maximum security hospital, a cafeteria that held five hundred of the 1350 prisoners at a time, several buildings where the prisoners lived, and a separate building called the box. The box had 42 cells for solitary confinement. The guard said, "They go there for being bad...being bad."

The van drove to within a couple yards of the door to the gym. We got out and the nine of us filed inside. We were shown to a locker room and locked inside. After several minutes, a supervisor came in and explained some special rules of the game. There was no yelling, no slapping the backboard, and the refs would call the game very tight.

"Is there dunking," we asked?

"By all means."

There is an indescribable exhilaration you get running into a gym for warm-ups before a game. The feeling is somewhere between euphoria and anxiety. For this game, it was most definitely closer to anxiety, and probably bordering on fear.

The gym was small with a stage at one end. There were prisoners filling the bleachers on one side, and the team benches on the other. As we came in, prisoners on the far side were laughing, some were mocking us by making up names for us. Some of them looked damn mean.

They were good, no doubt about it. For them, it was a pull up jumper from three or a quick step to the hole with an acrobatic finish. Clearly the *Violators* were outmatched. It wasn't just a different style than the basketball we play back at Hamilton, it was a different game.

Playing against them wasn't a scary thing. Beyond the game, beyond the mockery from the prisoners in the bleachers, there was a sincere spirit of gamesmanship and comraderie that we, as visitors to a foreign environment, felt over all else. The prisoners played hard, and they played fair. The spectators jeered, but they appreciated the game, and they made it fun for us. After the game, while the players thanked and congratulated us, we spoke to the man who scored the game. We shared a laugh, and he collected our uniforms. By the end of the game the prisoners we had played against ceased to be prisoners and, in our eyes, became men.

During the ride back to the main building we learned that the man who scored our game, the one we had laughed with, had been one of the first prisoners. He had been there for quite a while. Perhaps it was the spirit of the game, or the thrill of being where we were, but it was hard for us to reconcile our experience with the facts of their imprisonment. There is no lesson more valuable than experience.

# Ambrose and his idea of the Hamilton community

By Alex Slater '99
FEATURES WRITER

Upon entering Professor Doug Ambrose's office in KJ, one might be mistaken in thinking that one is entering a wing of the Burke Library: books line every corner of his room, leaving barely enough space for his desk and the comfortable chairs he has conveniently arranged.

**"One of my senior collegues at Hamilton once described students at Hamilton as intelligent, but not necessarily intellectual. I have found that true." Ambrose**

Indeed, Professor Ambrose has the aura of a true academic.

Arriving at Hamilton in 1989, originally as a part time member of the Faculty, Ambrose was pleased to be given the opportunity to come to teach at a small liberal arts college rather than a large university. Having gained his first degree from Rutgers in New Jersey, his masters in Rochester and his doctorate at SUNY Binghamton he feels that, despite receiving an excellent education at these establishments he would not have liked to teach there. Having seen so much of the academic world, Ambrose seems to have come to Hamilton to stay.

PHOTO BY KATE VAIL '96

"I'd like to stay at Hamilton," he declares, "I like teaching undergraduates."

On the students of Hamilton and their level of educational enlightenment, Professor Ambrose has this to say: "One of my Senior Colleagues at Hamilton once described the students at Hamilton as intelligent, but not necessarily intellectual. I have found that to be true."

Ambrose believes that there is not enough drive amongst Hamilton students for learning. Though they are in general attentive and responsive in class, beyond the realms of the classroom, too many demonstrate little interest to learn, and would rarely follow up class work with research of their own.

**"Many professors, I know, would value and welcome students approaching them for intellectual as well as social sessions. "-Ambrose**

Ambrose believes that Hamilton offers so many non-academic opportunities to its students that they simply do not have time to be true academics.

One of the reasons that Ambrose likes Hamilton is because of the small faculty to student ration. But he worries about Professors apprehension about entering the Student Dining Halls. One solution to the division, he thinks, would be if students made the effort to invite Professors to lunch or dinner: "Many professors, I know, would value and welcome students approaching them for intellectual as well as social reasons."

Professor Ambrose points out that he has more time to spend with students also because of a lack of family obligations, whereas many Professors have responsibilities both personal and professional that do not allow them to be accessible to all students at all times.

Part of the diversity of Hamilton, believes Ambrose, is that there are different types of Professors: some of

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# Chess: Hamilton's newest sport

By Greg Gardner '96
FEATURES WRITER

The battle rages on. The two opponents sit across from each other hunched over a square board with 64 checkered blocks, pitting their skill against one another. Though generally stereotyped as an "intellectual" game, chess has become the latest craze at Hamilton College for dozens of people, novice to expert. And as can be found out by a trip over to Cafe Opus, even professors enjoy the game. Thought to have originated in India around 600 AD, chess is one of the most intellectually stimulating games in the world today, and is a game that even people who don't speak the same language can play. *Ask world champion Gary Kasparov. In his most recent challenge, Kasparov is playing against a supercomputer made by IBM called Deep Blue. It is a six game match with a $400,000 purse. As of yesterday, the series was tied at two points apiece, with each player having won one game, while drawing twice. Kasparov feels this match is crucial to the future of man's relationship to machine. He believes that if computers begin to play chess better than humans, that mankind will have lost its creative edge. If a computer can be more creative in its strategy than a human, Kasparov believes, then the future is bleak. But even still, chess is still a fantastic game for two human opponents.* It is a simple game to learn, but one of the most difficult to master, perhaps the most difficult, with the possible exception of the Japanese strategy game "Go". Students on the Hill have taken a keen interest in the game recently, and as a result, a campus wide chess tournament was begun, under the sponsorship of Cafe Opus and the Campus Activities Board. Currently in the first round of play, the tournament features 44 Hamiltonians locked in an "all out war" for the title of Continental Chess Champion. The grand prize is a new chess board. While there are probable final-rounders of the tournament, even the novices entered are enjoying themselves, as they are meeting new people and playing an enjoyable game. But chess is not the only new craze for continentals. Backgammon is a game that has begun to catch a keen interest in the eye of many a student. A Greek game in origin, backgammon has many variations, but most Americans only know the standard one. The game is played on a rectangular board of 24 rows and a bar, with fifteen chips and two dice for each person. The object is to collect all of your chips in one area and then remove them from the board. If your opponent has no chips off when you win, then he/she has been gammoned. If your opponent still has chips in your area when you win, the game is a backgammon, and a very embarrassing loss. While not as many people play backgammon, it is as equally enjoyable of a game as chess, perhaps more so because of the luck of the dice. Backgammon is also easier to learn than chess, and does not require as much skill. Anybody interested in playing, or learning how to play, either of these games, should come by Cafe Opus at any time. There is almost always someone there (like me) who would be willing to play or teach.

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**"Chess is one of the most intellectually stimulating games in the world today."**

# M&M

Dear M&M,

I am feeling left out. All of my close friends are 21 and I am still only 20. This problem has not been that bad in the past, but now it is escalating with the Little Pub where you actually do have to be 21 to drink. What can I do?

-Young'n

Dear Young'n,

I have heard that problem expressed a lot recently and yes it is awful that they are so strict, but they have to be. I know this sounds cheesy, but you don't have to drink to have fun... and, you can go in if you are 18. But for your problem I don't think that is what you are getting at, you just have to remember two important words...PRE-PARTY. Have a Blast!

Dear M&M,

You have to help me. I am addicted to the Internet. This may sound like a joke, but believe me it's not. Once I log on, I can't log off. Please Help Me.

-Net Geek

Dear Net Geek,

First of all you need to stay away from your computer.. writing your problem in on paper through campus mail would have been better than sending it over e-mail. The Internet is fun aadn can be addicting, but you have to take it in moderation. Going cold turkey is not the answer though. Try to set it up as a system of rewards. Treat yourself to Net-sessions once a week or after you have received a good grade, hopefully pretty soon you will find that you no longer need to constantly be online.

Good Luck!

**Write to us and we'll answer you. Send them via Campus mail.**

# Professor Ambrose

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whom are very social and others of whom, while still being brilliant in their fields are less social. To force them to be the "genial Professors" is wrong: "It seems to me that the best type of student-faculty contact outside the classroom occurs spontaneously and organically. Running into someone unexpectedly and ending up talking for half an hour is, I have found, much more rewarding than 'arranged' encounters. The College should do what it can to facilate(they can never manufacture) relations based on the former."

And what of the Administration? I ask Ambrose. Does he see Hamilton becoming more and more of a commercialized product to be sold to prospective students and parents? While not being opposed to the drive for higher applications and aggressive recruitment, Ambrose sees one potential danger. "We must think that when students come here they are spending a lot of money, and expect a good future after Hamilton. But we must remember that the way to give them a good future is by maintaining the Liberal Arts educational values."

Ambrose is dismayed to see many schools abolish majors such as philosophy, because they see no vocational value for it in the post-graduate world. His plea to Hamilton is to resist market pressures to change.

**Announcing the Annual Prize Competitions for Writing**

Each of the Writing Prizes is a cash reward, and some are quite substantial. All students are encouraged to submit a poem, story or essay to one or more of the competitions. Entries should be submitted anonymously. Department secretaries will keep records of the names. Awards are announced at Class and Charter Day or Graduation. If you have any questions about procedures, please call Professor Pat O'Neill, X4218.

**The Deadline for all Competitions is March 27th.**

**Prizes in Creative Writing**
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**The Rose B. Tager Prize:** (for best short story) open to all students
**The George A. Watrous Prize:** (for poetry, fiction and essay) open to all students

**Essay Writing Prizes in the Social Sciences**
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**The Todd Prize in Rhetoric and Mass Media:** Topic: Influence of electronic media on political discourse. Open to all students

**Other Essay Writing Prizes**

**The Cobb Essay Prize:** Topic: Journalism. Open to all students. Please submit entries to the English Department Office, Root Hall 116

**The Kirkland Endowment Essay Prize:** For interdisciplinary studies. Open to all students. Please submit entries to the Comparative Literature department office, Root Hall, 116

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# Doonesbury

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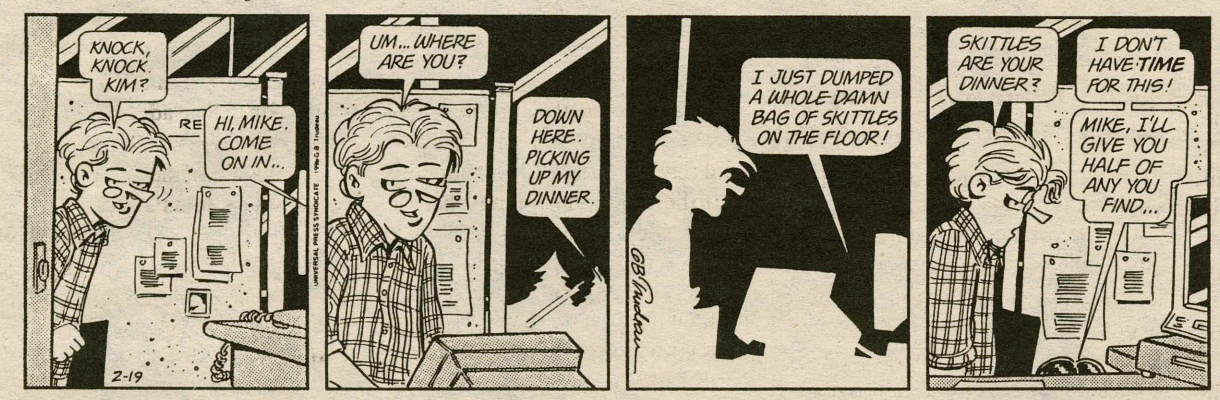
KNOCK, KNOCK. KIM?
HI, MIKE. COME ON IN...
UM... WHERE ARE YOU?
DOWN HERE. PICKING UP MY DINNER.
I JUST DUMPED A WHOLE DAMN BAG OF SKITTLES ON THE FLOOR!
SKITTLES ARE YOUR DINNER?
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!
MIKE, I'LL GIVE YOU HALF OF ANY YOU FIND...
SKITTLES ARE YOUR DINNER?
YEAH, AND I JUST DUMPED THEM ALL OVER THE FLOOR...
HERE, LET ME HELP, KIM...
THANKS.
HEY, YOU.
WHAT?
YOU'RE STILL CUTE.
UM... IT'S THE LIGHT FROM THE SURGE PROTECTOR.
OH.
DO YOU THINK THESE ARE TOO DIRTY TO EAT?
YOU REALLY LIKE SKITTLES?
ARE YOU KIDDING? THEY TOTALLY RULE THEIR FOOD GROUP!
MY FAVORITE FUEL, THOUGH, IS NACHOS. DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN MELT A JAR OF VELVEETA CHEESE SPREAD WITH A DESK LAMP?
YOU JUST POUR IT ON THE CHIPS, SPRINKLE ON SOME PEPPERS, CRACK OPEN A DIET DR. PEPPER— ET VOILÀ!
DINNER?
NO, NO, BREAKFAST. YOU REALLY ARE FROM ANOTHER TRIBE, AREN'T YOU?
SO WHATCHA DOING IN THE CODE BUILDING, MIKE? CANVASSING?
NO, NO, I JUST SAW YOUR LIGHT ON, AND WONDERED WHY YOU WERE HERE SO LATE...
GOT A BIG SHIP DATE TO MEET. WE'VE ALL BEEN CAMPING OUT.
WELL, THAT WOULD EXPLAIN THE HACKER'S DIET...
HEY, YOU KNOW SOMETHING, MIKE? WE LIKE EACH OTHER.
WE DO?
THAT'S THE BUZZ. I'VE JUST BEEN TOO BUSY TO FOLLOW UP.
LISTEN, MIKE, I KNOW IT'S 3:00 A.M. AND YOU'RE PROBABLY BUSY, BUT YOU WANT TO GO OUT AND GET SOME COFFEE?
UH... SURE. YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THE COMPANY HAS ANY RULE AGAINST FRATERNIZATION, DO YOU?
IF IT DOES, HALF THE PEOPLE I KNOW HAVE BROKEN IT!
WELL, MAYBE I SHOULD CHECK... YOU KNOW, JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE...
THIS BETTER BE IMPORTANT.
OH. NEVER MIND.
MIND IF I SWING BY MY HOUSE, MIKE? I GOTTA FEED MY CAT...
FINE.
YOU CAN MEET MY HOUSEMATES, MOST OF 'EM ARE STILL UP AT THIS HOUR.
HOUSEMATES? YOU MEAN, OTHER PEOPLE IN THEIR 20s?
UH-HUH. IS THIS A PROBLEM?
THEY'LL ALL BE SPEAKING IN GENERATIONAL CODE. I'LL APPEAR CLUELESS.
GOOD POINT. BETTER WAIT IN THE CAR.

## PERSONALS

**Twitchy-**
**If I close my eyes heaven's grasp holds my soul,**
**Through golden gates I live your fantasy of stories untold.**
**You have brought me to the heights of the unknown,**
**If for once as I open my eyes, you in my arms and I not alone.**
**-Jimmy Cap**

**ILMUNC-**
**You sly dog! I hear the duck has moved into the house. Quack Quack here, Quack Quack there, here a Quack, there a Quack, everywhere a Quack, Quack.**
**-Farmer B**

**Loser-**
**Chin up buttercup, the worst day of the year has passed.**
**-Dork**

**Rauls-**
**Thanks for the bones. Do you want the miles?**
**-Buddha and Opus**

**Kaczor-**
**5:45 for one woman? Hope she's worthy of you.**
**-A**hole**

## SECURITY BLOTTER

**Wednesday, February 7**
7:50 a.m. : Hamilton Security received a call of a medical emergency in a residential hall.
10:02 a.m. : A Milbank resident reported larceny.
9:29 p.m. : Hamilton Security responded to a fire alarm in the Career Center and notified the fire department. The cause was a boiler in the basement which malfunctioned.
9:38 p.m. : A call of a medical emergency in the field house was received by security.
10:35 p.m. : A medical emergency was reported at List.

**Thursday, February 8**
2:30 p.m. : The security alarm in the AD house was set off.
4:37 p.m. : A false alarm was set off in the Keehn dorm.
7:25 p.m. : The boiler in the Career Center malfunctioned again and smoke set off the fire alarm.
4:20 p.m. : A fire alarm in Dunham was reported.

**Friday, February 9**
12:30 a.m. : Security received a call of a medical emergency in a residence hall.
9:50 p.m. : A motor vehicle accident behind the mail center was reported.
3:50 p.m. : A report of an automobile accident at the foot of College Hill.

**Saturday, February 10**
12:10 a.m. : Security received a call of a medical emergency outside Beinecke.
12:30 a.m. : A motor vehicle accident in Bundy Drive was called in.
2:45 p.m. : A fire alarm in Griffin Road apartments was reported to security.
4:05 p.m. : A call of medical emergency required the EMTs assistance.
9:25 p.m. : An 888 key was confiscated from a delivery person.

**Sunday, February 11**
12:30 a.m. : A harassment complaint in the Hub was received by Hamilton security.
1:00 a.m. : Security responded to a report of a disturbance at a social event.
2:37 a.m. : The fire alarm in Dunham was set off.
2:45 a.m. : An incident of vandalism at Bundy East was called in.
2:46 a.m. : A case of aggravated harassment was reported.
5:26 a.m. : Security responded to a larceny at a social event.
4:30 p.m. : A call was received about a motor vehicle accident which took place near Sage Rink. The guilty party left the scene of the accident.

**Monday, February 12**
12:32 a.m. : The intruder alarm in the post office went off.
12:34 a.m. : Saunders House reported a fire alarm.
12:55 a.m. : A medical emergency was reported to Hamilton Security.
1:49 a.m. : An alarm at Beinecke Village notified security.
3:00 p.m. : An incident of vandalism of a motor vehicle called security to the scene.
11:08 p.m. : A report of an illegal party on campus called security in to break it up.

**Tuesday, February 13**
7:02 a.m. : Security received a call about an alarm in the Computer Center.

***-compiled by Alden Barlow '98***

# EDITORIAL

## Adler Conference important in time of chang

In 1978, the first year of Hamilton College as a coeducational institution, eighty students, faculty and administrators trekked up to Little Moose Lodge in the Adirondack mountains for the 14th annual Adler Conference. The discussions, which included all but one member of the administration, as well as fifty-six students, had the air of a summit, set on an idyllic lake in Old Forge.

*The Spectator* reported that "one of the prime objectives is simply an extensive interaction between all the participants, giving students the chance to mingle freely with faculty and administrators." No decisions were made that weekend-only proposals, which would be acted upon after the conclusion of the Conference. Thus, the atmosphere remained calm.

Until a few years ago, the Adler Conference remained a strong tradition at Hamilton. Then, because of a lack of interest, the Conference was cancelled. Since that time, whether or not the option of reinstituting the tradition had been entertained, we do not know. However, the lapse of the Conference one year has led to its demise.

The Conference "was conceived as a weekend escape from the campus

**The time to express our differences by coming together is now.**

to allow for informal dialogues among students and faculty to exchange opinions on the College's present condition, and to recommend possible future courses of action," reported *The Spectator*. In light of current conditions at the school-the real rifts among the College community, uncertainty as to the future of organizations and the well being of the College, the Adler Conference should be reinstated.

The opportunity for us to sit down and discuss the needs of the College and its students now and in the future is paramount. Students grow more and more disheartened by their ability to effect decisions. Faculty find the actions of many students, particularly the vandals of last semester frightening and unworthy. the administration believes it is charting a better course for Hamilton, and seems confused by some serious student dissent. The time to express our differences by coming together is now.

We chose to highlight the 1978 Adler Conference because Hamilton had just merged with Kirkland. The immensity of that change turned a new direction for the College. In the wake of the Residential Life Decision, another monumental change, we must redefine our community.

Reinstate the Adler Conference. In the aftermath of change, dialogue is necessary to maintain community. The immediate and long-term effects of the Conference can only be beneficial.

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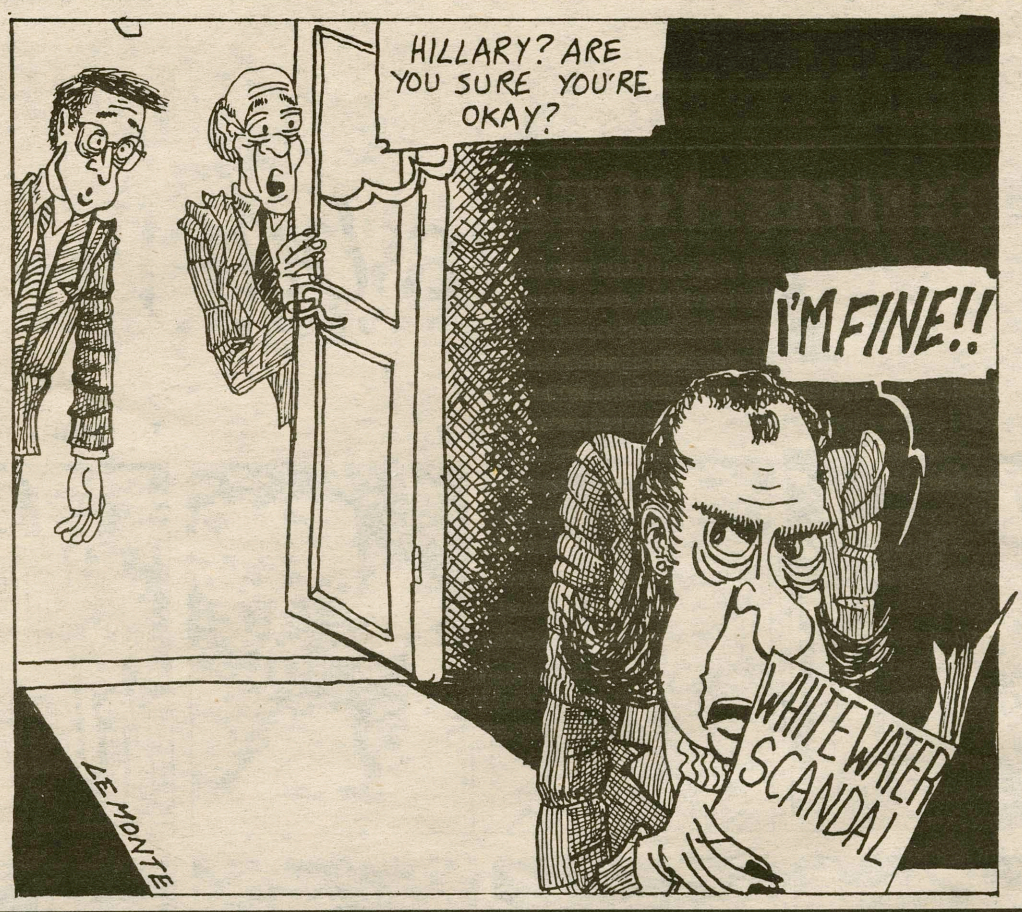


# Letters to the Editor

## Newly instituted Constitution defended

**To The Editor:**

The newly accepted Constitution contains the frame work for a Student assembly comprised of three different branches. The most controversial element of this new Constitution deals with the Senate's composition. It nsures that all of the members of the Senate shall be elected directly from the Student Body for the express purpose of representing the Student Body. While I recognize the importance of both the existence of these organizations and the importance or their ability to have a voice that is heard and heeded on this campus and in its Student Government, I cannot allow in good conscience organizations to appoint persons directly to the Senate.

There is, of course, strong opposition to this stance on the basis that the majority will continue to get its own way and the minority, whatever that may be, will continually lose and in effect be tyrannized. To some extent this is true. The majority will always get its way accept for when the majoritiy's views conflict with the rules of the College. This is the protection from tyranny of the majority which is needed. In the final analysis, the rules of the College are held to the higher standards of New York State Law and ultimately to the standards of the Constitution of the United States.

All this, of course, is the worst case scenario. All organizations will have a vote on the OAC and all organizations will have an equal voice on that Council, the chair of which is required to report to the Senate. These organizations will be heard and each member of these organizations has a vote as a member of the Hamilton College Student Body. As does every other student. All students, whether members of organizations or not, equally are recognized as members of that larger organization.

I understand that the removal of some members from the oversight branch, especially the cultural organizations, may seem unfair or even overtly racist. To that I can only say that in the crafting of this new document I have tried to be as logically sound and as democratically minded as possible. It is a Constitution which places the power equally in the hands of every student. Indeed, contained within the new Constitution is a provision which says that a majority of the Student Body can repeal any legislation of the Senate.

The principles which are engrained within the Constitution are those to which we all adhere: equity, democracy, and justice. As Senators, we must be charged with hearing every voice on this campus, listening to the arguments, and voting in the best interests of our constituents. In the end, however, it is not the Senate nor the Organization Action Council nor the Judicial Branch which will determine the future of this institution; that responsibilty falls to all the Students of Hamilton College. I urge your support of this new government, and your continued involvement in our community.

**James C. Eisenberg**
**Senator, Class of 1998**

## The fair look Ron Mammano didn't get

**To the Editor:**

I am writing in response to the recent anti-society flyer that was distributed in Commons and McEwen dining halls on February 14th. In particular, I would like to address the slanderous accusations made against DU brother Ron Mammano. I refuse to allow the ignorant and cruel person(s) who published this pathetic flyer to disparage Ron Mammano's reputation, and I would like to share with the community what I know about him.

Ron Mammano is an all-NESCAC football player and one of the captains for next season. He is extremely dedicated to his sport, and was chosen to lead seventy other players on and off the field. Ron is a hard-working biology major and a superior athlete who has been recognized for his skill, dedication, and leadership ability. He is also an active member of his fraternity; as this year's rush chair he organized functions for first-years. When his fraternity took part in Trust Treat, he was there to hand out candy to kids.

Ron is a person that will be there for his friends, no matter what, and he knows how to treat the people that he cares about - with respect and understanding. He always makes an effort to be sensitive to the people around him, from the quietest first-year girl to a fellow DU brother. He treats both with an equal kindness that continually shines through. Those who don't allow themselves to be blinded by ignorant stereotypes would discover that Ron is an incredible person, a person whose friends consider themselves lucky to know him. In fact, anyone who knows Ron at all, even if they have only gotten an occasional glimpse of his personality, can attest to his basic decency and the sensitivity with which he treats others.

This is why I am enraged by the attack on him, and especially by the accusation that he "violates the rights of as many women as possible." That statement alone makes me sick, because I know how cruel and unfounded it is. I am a woman, and he has never treated me or my friends with anything but respect, sensitivity, and love. The sophomoric and tasteless author(s) of the flyer should simply transfer before they pass their hate and ignorance on to anyone else. Shallow and immature people can never change the basic truth that Ron Mammano is a person that I am privileged to know.

**Emma Thompson '98**

# Letters to the Editor

## Professor expresses displeasure over salary

**To The Editor:**

Like many other colleges and universities these days, Hamilton employs a significantly large number of temporary faculty. At this college, these academic "temps" are divided into two categories: "Visiting Assistant Professors" and "Lecturers." The former normally work for Hamilton for only one year; during their tenure, they are paid the same as starting, tenure-track professors and receive benefits, most notably health insurance coverage.

Lecturers, in contrast, are paid one half as much per course as are starting, tenure-track professors and Visiting Assistant Professors. The total amount a lecturer normally earns is approximately 25% less than the amount paid to graduate teaching assistants at many universities for leading one discussion group per semester. In addition to being paid less than in graduate school, I have had 2-3 times more students at Hamilton than I had per course when I was a teaching assistant and I now also have to give lectures, which no "TA" is required to do. As a "lecturer" (a position I am leaving at the end of this semester), I therefore have had to do significantly more work for significantly less pay than I would earn as a graduate student at many universities. Furthermore, lecturers do not get health insurance benefits from Hamilton; I have therefore not had health coverage for the last three years (so much for the idea that there is no health care problem in this country!).

Since nobody could live even in Utica on the amount Hamilton pays a lecturer, I and, I presume, other lecturers (particularly those who are single and cannot fall back on the salary of a spouse) have had to work several jobs while also teaching here. Last fall I taught two courses at Utica College while also teaching at Hamilton; I was therefore teaching the equivalent of a heavy semester for a Hamilton professor. At the same time I was also working yet another job 20-30 hours per week in Utica. Between these three jobs, I was able to earn a barely passable income, much of which has to be saved in anticipation of unemployment.

The college undoubtedly bases its pay scale for lecturers on the assumption that a lecturer's pay could be easily supplemented by doing similar work at another college in central New York. This assumption, however, is rash in these days in which colleges and universities are aggressively containing costs either out of necessity or choice. In addition, the colleges in this region that are hiring even part-timers do not do so consistently. Utica College, my main source of supplemental income throughout much of the past three years, has gone through a number of fiscal crises during which it has not permitted the hiring of any outside instructors at all. As it is, even when work is to be had at Utica College, it only pays about one third per course as much as does Hamilton.

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Some consider this to be testimony to the generosity of Hamilton, but I would argue that the comparison is inappropriate: Utica College has an endowment, I am told, of only about $5 million (whereas Hamilton's is presumably scores of times larger than that) and tuition is significantly lower at Utica that it is at Hamilton. In addition, I have never had a class at Utica College that was one-half the size of the smallest class I have ever had at Hamilton. In short, I would venture to say that impoverished Utica College pays only marginally less per student than does Hamilton.

The College's policies toward lecturers not only reflect poorly on a college of such wealth and well-earned prestige, but they contravene standards of conduct advocated by three prominent professional organizations: the National Education Association, the American Association of University Professors, and the American Historical Association. In 1993, the AHA, the AAUP, and the NEA all became signatories of a policy statement on the treatment of part-time faculty which stated, ". . .compensation and fringe benefits of part-time faculty should be equitable, perhaps including pro-rated compensation and equal access to benefits... Institutions which habitually employ many part-time and 'temporary' faculty members should. . . begin converting their non-tenure track positions to full-time, tenure track lines. . .failure to make such a commitment will perpetuate the steady erosion of the quality of education in our colleges and universities."

The AHA-NEA-AAUP statement comments that, "reasonable assurance of continued employment. . .makes the profession mare attractive to men and women of ability and provides for a better professorate." In this connection, I would strongly encourage Hamilton students to think long and hard before deciding to do graduate work. Do not make your decisions on the basis of acceptances to graduate schools. The latter have a compelling interest to accept high numbers of students even when they know that there will probably not be sufficient jobs for students after they complete their studies. Universities are highly dependent, particularly in these days in which cost containment is all the rage, on graduate teaching assistants to carry out undergraduate instruction. Few graduate schools have the courage or the economic resources to act responsibly by accepting only so many students as the market is likely to bear in the near future.

In any case, throughout my three years here, I have had to worry constantly about how I was going to make enough money merely to pay my most basic bills: groceries, auto-related expenses, utility bills and rent. While constantly casting about for ways to cover the cost of these expenses, I have had to delay student loan payments and watch helplessly as interest on them compounds. The fact that I have not been able to afford health insurance has also weighed heavily on my mind. Amidst all this, one constantly wonders whether there is any way out of the situation. This is demoralizing, and it can have a decidedly adverse impact on the energy and enthusiasm and patience on brings to the job of teaching a student body that had paid tuition sufficiently high as to give it the right to expect more. Does a policy which can produce this effect in instructors best serve the vital interests of a college like Hamilton? Does Hamilton gets "good value for money" by relying on an underclass of ill-paid instructors?

I suspect that Hamilton is among the least of the offenders in this process of academic downsizing, but I nevertheless want to take this opportunity to urge the administration to explore the possibility of heeding the call of the AAUP, the NEA, and the AHA to provide more equitable pay benefits. Not only is it the right thing to do, but it is the economically rational thing to do if one takes a long-term view of this situation. There are considerations other that the "Bottom Line." The quality of the services you purchase is also an issue, and as the old cliche goes, "you get what you pay for." I and, I am sure, all part-time employees of this college endeavor to give our best, but that is a relative concept; it is easier for a person to give his or her "best" when earning a living wage and not constantly having to fret about basic necessities. The idea that " everyone is doing it" does not seem to me a worthy stance for an institution of Hamilton's caliber and reputation. Hamilton thinks of itself as a trend-setter among small liberal arts colleges, which indeed it is. Why not continue to live up to that reputation by taking a positive, bold public stand on an issue of slowly growing national prominence?

**Phil Bean**
**Lecturer, Department of History**

## '98 Student Assembly platforms

**Tom Fusonie '98**

In the year and a half I have been at Hamilton I have seen many unwanted changes. Many of my friends have left frustrated with the administration.In stead of leaving I want to do something to change the situation. If elected I will seek to get 24 hour service at the infirmary. I will also work for a change in the alcohol policy, which is too strict. Most importantly, I will not be a puppet of the administration. My allegiance will not be to Mr. Tobin, but to the class of '98 and all of the student body.

**Frank Loverro '98**

A Swedish proverb reads, "Leaders are needed more in difficult times....In calm water every ship has a good Captain". In this period of great social and structural change, it is imperative that the Student Assembly strongly represents the concerns of its student body. At Hamilton there exists an array of different interest groups which should be represented equally and wholeheartedly. By representing the athletic sector, the greek community as well as the arts and sciences, I am well-rounded and experienced. If given the opportunity to represent the Class of 1998, I would continually fight for their wants and needs

**La Toya N. Jackson '98**

As a sophomore, I feel visible representatives are needed to bridge the gap between student assembly and the student body. Class members should have at least one person they can come to with their grievances and know their words will reach student assembly. Currently, student assembly funds recognized student organizations through the funding committee. CAB receives funding to "sponsor events for the community every weekend". All student organizations are capable of such feats, if given the funding. If elected, I will ensure your views are represented truthfully.

## Letter and Op-Ed Policy

***The Spectator's* Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, *The Spectator* does have editing policies for contributions.**

**1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be placed in the Letters and Op-Ed box outside *The Spectator's* office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.**

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**4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.**

**5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.**

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# Amendments to constitution hold council more accountable

Last Monday night the Student Assembly Central Council passed several amendments to *The Constitution of the Student Body*. The passage of these amendments yielded a new government that is more representative and more accountable to the Student Body.

**Brief History of the Student Assembly**

Prior to the amendments, the Student Assembly consisted of four branches: the Judicial Branch (the Judicial Board and Honor Court), the Programming Branch (the Campus Activities Board), the Lobbying Branch (the Community Conference Committee), and the Oversight Branch (the Central Council).

Both the Judicial Board and Honor Court consist of elected students and appointed faculty. The Campus Activities Board consists of appointed executives, while its membership is open to the community. The Community Conference Committee consists of one representative from each organization on the CCC, and executives appointed from within.

**The realignment of Power**

None of the membership of the aforementioned branches changed at all. Among the amendments passe last Monday, one group of amendments altered the composition of the Central Council. This group of amendments changed the status of the Branch Chairs from voting status to advisory status.

This change reaffirms the separation of power that is required for an efficient and effective student government. Before these amendments, the Judicial Board could vote on legislation of the Student Body. While each Judicial Board member was elected by the Student Body, the purpose of a Judicial Board representative is to rule on violations of College Policy. Once the Judicial Board has a vote on the Central Council, the concept of separation of powers dissolves, eliminating all autonomy of both the Judicial Board and the Central Council. By separating the powers, the Judicial Branch becomes the only branch that deals with judicial concerns.

This is the same for the Community Conference Committee. Prior to these changes, the CCC could only lobby the Central Council. Additionally, the Black and Latin Student Union, the Asian Cultural Society, La Vanguardia, and the Inter-Society Council all had representation on the Central Council. These voting seats greatly weakened the authority and power of the CCC. Additionally, concerns that should have been addressed to the CCC were instead addressed to the Central Council (where they were poorly handled). With the passage of these amendments, the CCC now becomes the Community Forum Branch, with greater autonomy, authority, and power. The new CCC can now virtually operate independently of the Central Council.

*Andrew Edelson*
*President of Student Assembly*

By creating distinct lines of separation, each branch can now operate more effectively and efficiently.

**The New Roles of the Central Council and Community Conference Committee**

With these new amendments, the Central Council affirms the roles as designated by non-amended sections of the Constitution. The Central Council only has two roles: to act as superviso r to the other branches, and to perform all duties not designated to the other branches (as it states in Article I).

The roles of the Judicial Board and Honor Court have also remained the same. The CCC, however, has a new purpose. As it states in Article III, the CCC shall "be responsible for representing student sentiment, addressing issues of concern to the Hamilton community, and formulating solutions to such problems." With its new autonomy, the CCC no longer acts as a lobbying group, but as an action group that can address the vast concerns of the Hamilton community.

With this amendment, the Central Council can no longer deal with the same issues that fall under the auspices of the CCC. All special interest concerns, for example, cannot be considered by the Central Council. Period. Conversely, the Central Council cannot pass any legislation that falls under the auspices of the CCC.

The CCC also has an added power. It can check the Central Council by repealing any legislation set forth by the Central Council.

**The New Role of the Student Body and Greater Accountability**

Perhaps most importantly, the amendments to *The Constitution of the Student Body* alter the current system, giving more power to the Student Body. Now, the Student Body can repeal legislation as well as call for the impeachment of any member of the Student Assembly. With the passage of these amendments, the Student Body has a greater voice than ever before. Any student can get involved in student government, whether or not you are an elected official.

The amendments passed last Monday create a new governance that delivers more power to the students. Anyone should be able to improve Hamilton, not just those in office. Everyone should have the option of getting involved, and no one should be hindered by bureaucracy. This new student government is empowered by the will of the students as a whole, not a select few.

# Misunderstood Constitution pushed through too quickly

As chair of the former Community Conference Committee (which will be known for the present as the Organization Action Council), I felt it was my duty to inform the campus of the drastic measures that were taken this past Monday night to reorganize our Student Government. Admittedly, our out of date Student Body Constitution has been a stumbling block for members of Student Assembly throughout the past several semesters. As a voting member of Central Council this past semester, I was witness to many instances in which we were unable to conduct business because of the wording of this document. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to revise it, but this process was never finished.

These problems persisted into this semester, and because of them it was decided that the revisions needed to take place (and quickly!). The Constitution Committee held several open meetings over a two week period in which they worked quickly to produce a new document. They hoped this new document would eliminate many of the problems that have occurred in the past. This document was distributed to Central Council members this past Friday in preparation for a debate and vote at Monday's meeting.

The problem lies with the fact that this new document proposes drastic changes to the way that our entire student assembly is structured. While I am not adverse to change, it was the feeling of the entire CCC (or OAC, whichever you prefer) that these changes were being rushed through without enough time for evaluation. At the meeting on Monday night, the members of Central Council were asked to approve this document as a whole. This meant that not only would the name of the Community Conference Committee change, but our vote on Central Council, or Senate as it is now called, would be taken away. (I must point out that I am writing quite selfishly right now because this new constitution also has a drastic impact on the rights of other branches of Student Assembly which I am not addressing right now).

After a lengthy debate the members of Central Council voted to approve this document (as a whole). However, after reviewing the Constitution further, it has come to my attention that there are several discrepancies between the information in the document and what was discussed on Monday. There are also several errors involving incorrect numbering of articles and incorrect wording, that, although seemingly insignificant, are important when approving the final draft of our Student Body's Constitution.

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The first of these discrepancies can be found in section one of what is numbered as the second of two article tens (refer back to mistakes in numbering of articles and you will now understand why this is a problem). This section states that "a petition for repeal (of any legislation) must be signed by at least 25% of the student body." However, an argument was used by a member of the constitution committee stating that only 25 signatures were needed to repeal any legislation. There is a BIG difference between 25 signatures and 400 signatures. While it may be the fault of us as Central Council members for not catching this mistake, the fact is that we had only a weekend to review this document and are not completely at fault for believing what we were told.

The second discrepancy can be found in section two of the same article. It states that "the senate (central council) reserves the right to reconsider any legislation adopted by any of the other branches of the Student Assembly." However, at our Monday night meeting we were led to believe that these "amendments" to the constitution were made to remove the power from Central Council and place it in our hands. After rereading the constitution and quite honestly noticing this section for the first time, it does not seem to me that this section upholds the reasoning we were presented with. More power is being placed in the hands of a few.

The CCC is the branch of Student Assembly that is responsible for bringing campus organizations together in a forum where they can pool their ideas and discuss concerns. Because of this, it is difficult to envision or understand the reasoning behind removing our vote from the Central Council. With a representative from almost every organization on campus, we truly represent Hamilton. We alone are able to present a concessive opinion of the voices on campus. We are not a special interest seeking to promote only our personal well-being. We are THE interest. We represent you, the Hamilton College community. Please support us in our effort to make sure that the Student Body Constitution is an effective and worthwhile document that accounts for the opinions of the entire Hamilton community. Thank you!

**-Jaime Tackett '98**
**Chair of the Community Conference Committee**

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# The Cold War blazes keep burning

There are not many critics who are reluctant to claim how fortunate it was that there was no direct U.S.A.-U.S.S.R. confrontation during the Cold War years. Had there been one, the casualties worldwide would have undoubtedly surmounted those of World War II, even if no nuclear weapons had been used. However, one cannot fail to acknowledge that the superpowers had indirect ways of attacking each other both militarily and economically.

Because of the risk and the significance of the mere possibility of a war that size, it was not only in the best interest of those two countries to gather as many allies as possible, but it was also in the interest of the smaller countries to take refuge under the nuclear umbrella of either the communists or the democrats. The split was so intense that many countries, particularly in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, became deeply divided on which ideology to back and entered civil wars. Through this plethora of civil wars, the superpowers were able to weaken each other by funding opposing sides in the conflicts and hopefully gaining political and ideological support. It was evident that the success of such interventions would have a lot of weight in determining the final outcome of the Cold War.

The most intense of these conflicts were probably Chile and Bolivia in the Sixties, Vietnam in the Sixties and Seventies, Afghanistan in the late Seventies and Eighties,

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*GlobalCore*

and Central America, particularly El Salvador and Nicaragua, in the Eighties. The United States and the Soviet Union directly involved their troops in some of these cases, but they mostly just funded and trained the sides they supported while economically and politically sabotaging those they did not. This increased the magnitude of the fighting and social chaos in these nations to such an extent that some of them, like Chile with Pinochet, went in directions which were not in the interest of either superpower. The others, maybe with the exception of Vietnam and Bolivia, are forever trapped in the physical and psychological consequences of these conflicts, even today, five years after the collapse of the U.S.S.R. With the absence of the Cold War, though, these nations do not have the Russian or the United States to help them heal the wounds of their ideological struggles. The superpowers resolved their dispute and abandoned the people who actually put their lives and integrity on the line so that this resolution could be accomplished.

The case of modern-day Afghanistan, or what is left of it, is the worst case. Once the Soviets pulled out, the Americans lost all interests in helping that nation, regardless of what they had done. Due to the fact that they had been at war for over a decade against a Soviet puppet government, there was no real political or social order there. This threw the nation into a violent civil war aimed at filling in the abiding power vacuum. That war is still being fought today and the nation is at risk of falling in the hands of the violent Islamic militant group known as Taliban. Consequently, the war is being fought with an excessive amount of American and Soviet made weapons which remained in the dust of the superpowers' departure. And although, as *The New York Times* claimed, "[the American-backed guerillas] gravely weakened the Soviet Union itself" by resisting their invasion, the United States still does not feel compelled to help them reshape their nation.

A much lighter case is that of El Salvador. During the Eighties the United States strongly backed the corrupt democratic regime that ruled in El Salvador In doing so, they could effectively battle the Cuban-supported, hence Soviet-supported guerrillas there. While it was vital to U.S. and "free-world" interests that another Latin American nation did not fall to the grip of communism, the Salvadoran government used such harsh tactics as exterminating peasants believed to be supporters of the guerrillas. In one case the American-trained army exterminated practically every citizen of El Mozote, a small town in northeastern El Salvador because they were believed to be supporters of the guerrillas. In contrast to Afghanistan, *The New York Times* stated that the United States did offer aid to the crippled community this year by donating over $10,000 and placing a plaque which reads: "Funds donated by the people and Government of the United States." Assuming there were only 1000 victims in that massacre, each life was only worth only $10 to the U.S.

These two cases show the hypocrisy in the alliances between the superpowers, particularly the victorious United States, and weaker nations in the Cold War years. They clearly just went in to get their way and never intended to actually help those nations by spreading and maintaining their political ideologies around as they so readily claimed. Today, countries spanning from Bosnia to Somalia to Cambodia and even the Americas continue to feel not only the weight of the Cold War on their backs but also the intense suffering that comes with it. As the Afghan Foreign Minister claimed, "We fought the country that Ronald Reagan called the evil empire, and [it collapsed as a result of our sacrifice]. But afterwards we were forgotten." Forgetting is not the wisest move for U.S. interests either, because it creates resentment. That resentment could come back to haunt the U.S., particularly in Afghanistan where the Islamic fundamentalists could gain absolute power any day.

# The eighty-twenty ratio and the flyer of the times

Now that Valentine's Day has passed, I sense a great spiritual void within the ranks of Bon Apppetit. They have dilligently spent the last month shoving the coming of the dreaded in the face of all who eat on this campus. The actual day even had a dance floor and a strobe light in McEwen, but now that it is over I fear they have become afflicted with some sort of "Post-Event Trauma" and the entire staff will have to be given prescriptions to for Prozac. For the new burst of happiness in the dining hall, we will probably suffer a tuition hike to cover the increase in expenditures for Bon Appetiti's health plan.

However, Bon Apppetit are not the only people with an illness on this campus. I myself caught the flu virus that had been circulating our campus more quickly than a letter addresssed to the Hamilton Community. Unfortunately, my ailment turned sour and developed into pneumonia (hence my inability to write a column last week.) Last Friday I was even taken to the Slocum Dickson Urgent Care Medical Center. It is a firm theorum of mine that about twenty percent of the people at Hamilton are good or "real"

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*Grey Matters*

people and I am always excited to meet an individual from this group. As for the remaining 80%, they definitely leave something to be desired; it is like dealing with a cookie-cutter. I often wonder if this theorum can be extrapolated to all people in life and then hope not (20% is a small amount.) In any event, I am once again digressing on a tangent. Point being, the people I met at the hospital definitely fell into the smaller group. They worked hard with the limited medical resources that one finds in upstate New York. And despite my pleading, they manged to prevent me from complicating my conditiion by playing with the defribulator. (I told the nurse I knew how to work it from watching ER, but she didn't feel that was valid training.)

Whoever distributed the flyers mocking the society system and individual members of our community last Wednesday definitely falls into the latter category. For those of you who did not have the opportunity to view the pamphlets first-hand, it featured a short, sarcastic paragraph about the benefits of the society system. This otherwise semi-acceptable diatribe was followed by unacceptable pictures of three prominent society members along with false quotations. These "quotes" included accusations that ranged from rape to drug use and included prejudicial remarks.

First of all, the individual(s) responsible for the third-grade prank did not even have enough conviction in their beliefs to put their name to the flyers distributed. Or perhaps, they purposely left it off, realizing that producing and distributing slanderous materials is illegal and that they could face serious legal reprecussions. I was personallly most upset by the mocking of "Preserve Residential Option," a slogan and cause that I feel strongly about and consequently often babble about in my writings. The creator of the publication was obviously too ignorant and hasty to realize the saying applies as much to living downtown as it does to fraternity housing. The entire act was immature. I have no problem with a fact-based critique of the society system, but an attack through immature slander bears no credibility.

I wonder what type of a person is happier with the current social lifeand so much so they would put out a flyer mocking efforts to change it. The only conclusion I can come to is that they must have an early bedtime given the that "new" Hamilton's centerpiece is a bar that closes at midnight. I also wonder why they would attack individuals and organizations in a fashion so reminiscent of the third grade.

At a time when our campus's morale is so low, there is no need to distribute slanderous and malicous publications. This is doubly significant in light of the fact that a good cause is being mocked, prejudice is being spread, and good people slandered. But most of all, it makes me go back to my 80/20 good/bad-bland theory and think it may be a sad fact, but it's probably true.

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This Valentine's Day was a little less than you expected, but romance is definitely in your future. Play your cards right if you expect to score big.

**PISCES**
**(FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20)**

Your haggling and complaining got you out of a sticky situation this week, but you're starting to rely on these methods to get everything you want. Stop now because your friends are getting sick of it.

**ARIES**
**(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)**

You missed out an opportunity to go on an enlightening trip this week. Next time you have chance like this, take advantage of it, because these things come once in a lifetime.

**TAURUS**
**(APRIL 21-MAY 21)**

No serious partying for you this weekend. Another bad hangover could lead to a bad scene. Instead, spend the weekend in reminiscent solitude.

**GEMINI**
**(MAY 22-JUNE 21)**

You're really ahead of the game this week. Party hard this weekend because you definitely deserve a break from all of your hard work. On the down side, there is illness in your future.

**CANCER**
**(JUNE 22-JULY 23)**

Listen to the flash and finally ask him–take that trip you bought tickets for, even if your credit card was rejected. Try to stick with keeping ahead, even if it gets stressful. Don't worry about your foot in your mouth.

**LEO**
**(JULY 24-AUGUST 23)**

This winter has been cruel to you in terms of health. Your allergies have been returning in full force and you're finding chalk dust to be a torture. The ill effects peak around 4:20 in the afternoon, so avoid chalky tubes around this time.

**VIRGO**
**(AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 23)**

Your love life is definitely taking turns for the better. Now would be a good time to increase the level of intimacy with your mate, but be sure not to take things too quickly.

**LIBRA**
**(SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23)**

You scored big this Valentine's Day! Just don't forget that you get by with a little help from your friends. Go easy on the exercising though. Your joints are becoming a little enflamed. Take a journey and escape the pains.

**SCORPIO**
**(OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)**

You've misunderstood some of your friends' statements this week, but rest assured that they didn't mean anything negative. On the brighter side, visiting a sibling at another college may prove to be a worthwhile trip.

**SAGITTARIUS**
**(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)**

There are definitely some hard financial times in your future. Don't spend too much money now, but instead save for later, because there are rough times ahead.

**CAPRICORN**
**(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)**

This Siblings' Weekend, your sibling will come to the hill bringing bags of joy. Have travel plans in mind, but leave Saturday night free.

BUDDHA'S BUZZ

# Springfest picture comes into focus

BY PETER GASTON '99
MANAGING EDITOR

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**Low-end masters Morphine are one of the names students have requested for this year's Springfest.**

Springfest first entered my vocabulary about three weeks ago when a friend came back from a CAB meeting screaming down the halls that Phish might be coming to Hamilton. Two weeks ago, I included a paragraph in the Music News section of this column asking for suggestions for a Springfest band, and when only one idea came back, I began to worry that CAB might make its own decision and end up with another Goo Goo Dolls.

Yesterday, my worries disappeared when I entered the CAB site on the campus computer network looking for just a list of possible Springfest bands. I discovered a file called "Springfest Band List" and it listed all bands that CAB has contacted regarding the Springfest slot, all bands that had responded, and bands it has yet to contact.

What was shocking was that beneath the list, CAB provided space for students to suggest a band or show their support for one of the bands on the list. The amount of responses were staggering, especially for a campus where it often seems as if no one cares about the kind of entertainment CAB provides until after the performance.

Well over 50 bands have been contacted by CAB ranging from the Red Hot Chili Peppers to Blues Traveler to TLC.

As of last week. seven bands had returned as possibilites to play Springfest: The Connells, Morphine, From Good Homes, Widespread Panic, God Street Wine, They Might Be Giants, and Inner Circle. This is just a preliminary list, and more bands could turn up as potential performers.

CAB has yet to send out requests for Ratdog (the side project of Dead guitarist Bob Weir and reknowned bassist Rob Wasserman), Liz Phair, Sublime, and the Dead Milkmen among others.

With this information posted on the network, CAB began to receive responses from the student body. Among the responses were some surprising requests, two of which stood out: Morphine and ska.

Morphine is a Boston-based trio consisting of drums, sax, and the tritar (two bass strings and one guitar string) of frontman Mark Sandman. *Yes* (Rykodisc) is the band's third album and most recent release. Morphine explores the low-end of sound, packing tight grooves under a layer of smooth baritone sax.

The band played the side stage of the H.O.R.D.E. tour last summer, sharing a bill that included both God Street Wine and Widespread Panic. The H.O.R.D.E. appearance should give Morphine some credibility with the Phish/Traveler/Matthews crowd. In fact, some comments on the CAB list were from Phish fans who would like to see "someone new."

Ska was a genre that was also discussed heavily in the CAB file. Bands like the Mighty Mighty Bosstones (sellout or not), Sublime, the Scofflaws, and the Allstonians were mentioned.

Other comments called for the Cranberries, Sarah MacLachlan, Indigo Girls, Elvis Costello, Counting Crows, and Live. A rather poignant remark simply stated, "NO HOOTIE!" I'm all for fulfilling that request.

The last comment on the page, however, seemed to me most reflective of the campus as a whole: "Who ever heard of Morphine? I sure didn't. Get a real band!"

Morphine is a favorite band of mine, and I would be more than thrilled to see them here, but if CAB wants to please the campus as a whole, Morphine might not be the answer. Ska might not work either.

This spring, the traditional touring bands of the 90's are mostly unavailable. Phish will only play a festival or two this spring as they work on a new studio album. Blues Traveler and Dave Matthews are road tired and are also working on new material. Live and Counting Crows are also not available.

Comments on this network site could play a major role in deciding who comes to Hamilton this spring. If you are someone who wants a proven, jamming band like God Street Wine or From Good Homes, let CAB know.

Most of us on campus are aware that the jamming bands are the most popular here. Just don't start complaining if the people who spoke up got the band they wanted.

You can find the CAB site through Apple Share on the Chooser of any networked Macintosh on campus under the location "dep_Bristol_Beinecke_MinorTh". Open the Guest Folder in the CAB server.

CAB also meets every Wednesday night in the Bristol basement.

## MUSICNEWS

**Phish** has announced its plans for the spring. They will work on a studio album and forego a spring tour. Trey Anastasio's solo album, *Surrender to the Air* (Elektra), will be released on March 12. On April 26, Phish will play at JazzFest at the Fairgrounds in New Orleans.

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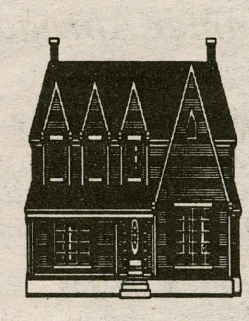

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# MOVIES IN REVIEW

WITH GINA CARBONE '99

## LEAVING LAS VEGAS

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There are many qualities which make a film worthy of an Oscar, and *Leaving Las Vegas* has almost all of them. The two main actors, Nicholas Cage and Elizabeth Shue, perform fabulously as an alcoholic and a prostitute.

The script is disturbingly realistic, involving emotional torture, loneliness, violence, love, sickness, death and all those other wonderful things that the Academy loves. It does not, however, feature redemption in the classic sense.

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Most films attempt to cleanse their heroes of their sins before letting the audience leave them. We are often expected to believe that someone or something has magically turned them away from their dark side. Not in this film. Neither of the main characters changes their ways, although they both know that their individual demons are responsible for their suffering.

When Cage's character, Ben, is told by an aquaintance that he should try to stop drinking, he replies that he should try to stop breathing too. He begins his days shaking convulsively until he has had a drink and does not stop drinking until he is thrown out of a bar. He is unable to go through life without using alcohol. Most of this self destruction results from his wife and child leaving him. He tells us that he is not sure whether they left him because he started drinking, or if he started drinking because they left him.

Life is a blur. He inevitably is fired from his job, so he takes all of his money and decides that the best thing for him to do is to go to Las Vegas and drink himself to death. This is where we meet Sera, a fresh-faced young hooker from L.A. who comes to Las Vegas to leave her abusive Latvian pimp.

We are not told anything about Sera's past, so we cannot determine what drove her to prostitution. We do know that she prides herself in knowing what each customer's fantasy is, even before they do, and fulfilling it for about two hundred dollars an hour. This seems to be her sole sense of accomplishment.

When a drunken Ben almost runs Sera down in his car, the two lost souls meet, and their relationship begins. The way they live is not very romantic. He needs her around to talk to and to care for him, and she needs someone to hold and care for. Their relationship is not so much love but co-dependency. They both agree not to try to change each other's ways, although they both want to.

It is sometimes frustrating for the audience to watch them. We want to grab the vodka from Ben and help Sera find some self worth and a better job. These are two good people with so much potential, but they are too busy wallowing in self-pity. Sera has unequaled patience and love. She takes care of Ben, who lives in such a drunken stupor that it's a wonder that he even remembers who she is.

The film is an unconventional love story. There is no knight in shining armor ready to rescue his fair lady, and Sera is not the happy hooker Julia Roberts was in *Pretty Woman*. This is the story of real life losers who find themselves at the bottom of the barrel with no desire to climb out. Mike Figgis directed this disturbing and depressing film. Cage has already won a Golden Globe for his performance and Shue received a nomination. They are surely bound to be honored again when the Academy Awards are presented in March.

# CAB Comedy delivers hit with 'Slide-Show-Guy' King

By Phil Skalski '99
A&E Writer

This past Saturday, CAB Comedy delivered another laughter packed evening with only a few minor boos and hisses, as comedian Frank King the "Slide-Show-Guy" took center stage in the Barn.

The show began just past 8 p.m. in front of a large crowd of students who, as they filtered in and sat around the tables and balcony, noticed something different about this show–a projector screen. I imagine many thought it was just another stage prop or even a remnant from someone's spring break slide show of Cancun. However, they were wrong and would have to wait as this perplexing question would be answered in the second part of his routine.

King's show began with an hour long stand-up routine that combined his planned act along with jokes he created while playing off the audience. At first the audience seemed slow to respond to many of his jokes but he soon took command of the stage and the crowd burst out laughing.

King's diverse material poked fun of college, different states, regions, and groups of people across the country. He was full of quick, sharp humor that would make you laugh or cringe and this is when the show hit a short, awkward lull. King began taking shots at lesbians as he fired off joke after joke but was met with a rather quiet crowd. He seemed to have struck a nerve with the majority of the audience as some hisses and boos became audible.

However, he persisted with lesbian jokes and while many did laugh, many remained unimpressed as he dug himself into a hole. King even said on stage that before he buried himself any deeper, he would stop. And he did. Even with this temporary quiet, the laughter quickly resumed to it's original vigor and after an hour, King segued into his second half of the show: the slides.

As the lights dimmed and the slide projector's beam broke the darkness, the audience remained quiet until King started up again. This half of the show was based on slides King took while touring across the country for seven years after his loss on Star Search.

He was almost in the semi-finals when he was beaten by a puppet but this didn't stop him from climbing to success. This is when he hit the road for his seven year comedy road trip. The rest, they say, is history.

The laughter which had echoed from the audience in the first half of the show came back as King gave us a glimpse of life in the U.S. few have ever seen. For example, his array of bizarre but true slides of restaurants and stores with ridiculous, absurd names shed light upon the fact that we aren't always that smart or aware of what's around us.

Signs that hung together by the roadside with perverted, often sexual innuendoes about everyday items that we would normally drive right past, King brought to our attention. He shed light upon the humorous and irrational aspects behind many mundane situations as his camera captured perfectly, the cliched phrase, truth is often stranger than fiction. This portion of the show proved to be very successful for King based on the audience's continuous laughing spells.

And in the end, despite stepping on some toes over the lesbian jokes, Frank King brought a tremendous amount of quick, insightful, original humor to our waiting ears.

# Acclaimed director to present, discuss latest film 'Murder'

## *Rainer set to visit campus Wednesday*

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Yvone Rainer, winner of the Special Achievement Award from the Las Angeles Film Critics' Association, will show and discuss her latest film, *MURDER and murder*, on Wednesday, February 21 at 8 p.m. in the Science Auditorium at Hamilton College. Admission is free and open to the public.

**Yvone Rainer's "*MURDER and murder*"**
**Wed. Feb. 21**
**8 PM**
**Science Aud.**
**Free**

The film focuses on three issues: deviant sexuality, female aging and breast cancer, challenging their cultural and scientific perceptions. *MURDER and murder* is described as a soap opera, a black comedy, a love story and a political mediation.

Rainer began her career in the arts in 1957 when she began training as a modern dancer. In 1960, she began to choreograph her own work and was one of the founders of the Judson Dance Theatre in 1962. Between 1962 and 1975 her choreography was presented throughout the world and most notably on broadway in 1969. Rainer's filmmaking career began in 1968 when she integrated short films into performances, and by 1975 she had made a complete transition to film. Her first full feature film, *Lives of Performers*, was completed in 1972.

Her films have been shown extensively around the world. She has been the recipient of countless awards and fellowships, and has also been recognized by the American Film Institute and the national Endowment for the Arts.

Rainer has taught at 16 institutions of higher learning, including the Art Institute of Chicago and Yale University. She has been instructing at the Independent Study Program of the Whitney Museum in New York City since 1974.

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## 16 *Friday*

**TBA Swimming and Diving.** Women's States at Hamilton.
**TBA Men's Squash.** N.Y.S. Championship at Vassar.
**TBA Women's Squash.** Howe Cup at Yale.
**6 pm Women's Basketball.** Hamilton at Clarkson.
**7 pm Ice Hockey.** A.I.C.at Hamilton.
**7:30 pm Film: *Pocahontas.*** Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $.
**8 pm Men's Basketball.** Hamilton at Clarkson.
**8 pm Hamilton Performing Arts Series.** Joe Goode Performance Group presents "Take Place".Wellin Hall, Schambach Center. $.
**11:30 pm Dance.** Filius Events Barn.

## 17 SIBLINGS WEEKEND *Saturday*

**TBA Swimming and Diving.** Women's States at Hamilton.
**TBA Indoor Track and Field.** Hamilton at UCAA Meet at St. Lawrence.
**TBA Men's Squash.** N.Y.S. Championship at Vassar.
**TBA Women's Squash.** Howe Cup at Yale.
**2 pm Women's Basketball.** Hamilton at St. Lawrence.
**3 pm Ice Hockey.** U. of Connecticut at Hamilton.
**4 pm Men's Basketball.** Hamilton at St. Lawrence.
**10 pm S.W.A.M.M.P. Band.** Fillius Events Barn.
**10 pm Film: *Pocahontas.*** Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $.

## 18 SIBLINGS WEEKEND *Sunday*

**TBA Indoor Track and Field.** Hamilton at NYSCT&FA/NYSWCAA Pentathlon at Rochester
**TBA Men's Squash.** N.Y.S. Championship at Vassar.
**TBA Women's Squash.** Howe Cup at Yale.
**11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting.** Fisher Room, Bristol Campus Center.
**1 pm Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
**7:30 pm Film: Pocahontas.** Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. $

## 19 *Monday*

**1 pm Conversations with President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke Village.
**4:15 pm Lecture. Merle Goldman,** Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

## 20 *Tuesday*

**9 am-5 pm Blood Drive.** Fillius Events Barn.
**noon Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
**noon La Mesa Española.** Azel Backus House.
**5 pm Men's Squash.** Hamilton at Colgate.
**5:30 pm Chinese Table.** Azel Backus House.
**7 pm Resume Workshop.** Kirner-Johnson 222.
**8 pm AAUP Journal Club Lecture.** Dennis Gilbert, Sociology. Assembly Room, Bristol.
**8 pm Men's Basketball.** Hamilton at SUNY Utica.
**9 pm Student Media Board Meeting.** SMB Office, Bristol 3rd Fl.

## 21 *Wednesday*

**Ash Wednesday**
**TBA Swimming and Diving.** Hamilton at Men's States at Rensselaer.
**noon Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
**3 pm & 7:30 pm College Course 300 Film:** Vittorio de Sica, The Bicycle Thief(Italy '48). K-J Aud.
**4 pm Comparative Literature Coffee/Tea.** Root Hall Loft.
**4 pm Hamilton Support Group for Eating Issues Meeting.** North Lounge, Bristol.
**8 pm Screening and Discussion.** Yvonne Rainer, MURDER and Murder. Dwight Lounge.
**8 pm Alternative Break Benefit Concert.** Fillius Events Barn.

## 22 *Thursday*

**TBA Swimming and Diving.** Hamilton at Men's States at Rensselaer.
**noon Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
**4 pm Cover Letter Workshop.** Couper 207.
**4:15 pm Tolles Lecture.** "Race and Class in America." Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Harvard University. Chapel.
**4:30 pm Prayer Dance Workshop.** Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village.

## 23 *Friday*

**TBA Swimming and Diving.** Hamilton at Men's States at Rensselaer.
**TBA Men's Squash.** Hamilton at Team Intercollegiate at Yale.
**TBA Indoor Track and Field.** NYSCT&FA/NYSWCAA Championships at Hamilton.
**noon Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
**7 pm Ice Hockey.** Hamilton at Connecticut College.
**7:30 pm Film: The Double Life of Veronique.** K-J Auditorium.$
**8 pm Spring Dance Concert.** Wellin Hall, Schambach Center. $
**8 pm Acoustic Coffeehouse.** John Wesley Harding with Jabbering Trout. Events Barn.

# MOVIES

**The following area movie schedules are for the week of February 16-22.**

## Sangertown • 797-2121

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|---|---|---|---|
| *City Hall* | *7:20, 9:50* | *Black Sheep* | *7, 9:20* |
| *Happy Gilmore* | *7:15, 9:45* | *Sense & Sensibility* | *6:35, 9:35* |
| *Muppet Treasure Island* | *7:10, 9:25* | *Bed of Roses* | *6:50* |
| *Broken Arrow* | *7:30, 10* | *The Juror* | *9:15* |
| *Mr. Holland's Opus* | *6:30, 9:30* | | |

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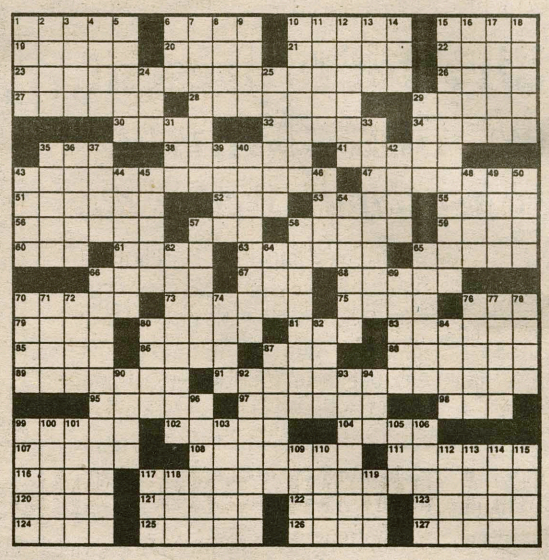
## On Campus in KJ

*Pocahontas*
*Friday & Sunday @7:30*
*Saturday @10:00*



**ACROSS**
1 African capital
6 Until
10 Show derision
15 Sour-tasting
19 Author Walker
20 "... maids all in __"
21 122 Across feature
22 One in a rush
23 Grable/Dailey film of 1947
26 Gardner of mystery
27 *Remington* __
28 Crosby colleague
29 Unchains
30 Soft seating
32 Service club
34 Roadside stops
35 *"Bonjour, __ amis"*
38 '60s boxing champ
41 Golf great
43 Astaire/Charisse film of 1957
47 __ Fields (mythical paradise)
51 New Jersey range
52 Bad __, Germany
53 Mine car
55 It's nothing
56 Fine violins
57 Alphabetic sequence
58 Looks for
59 Singles
60 Transgression
61 Shah Pahlavi
63 Make a sharp turn
65 Show feeling
66 Deck used by 127 Across
67 Sabbatical: Abbr.
68 Iroquois enemies
70 __ *and the Night Visitors*
73 Liver partner
75 Org.
76 Enzyme ending
79 Beget
80 Work unit
81 Sanders' hon. title
83 More recent
85 Attempt
86 Horned vipers
87 Spoil
88 Coral formations
89 Artistic grouping
91 Doris Day film of 1957
95 Strip a ship, perhaps
97 Fields of activity
98 Retirees' grp.
99 Performed
102 __ del Greco (Bay of Naples city)
104 Fellow
107 Eastern Europeans
108 Plunder
111 River deposits
116 Solid-geometry subject
117 Duryea film of 1946
120 Against
121 Supports in wrongdoing
122 Valentine bloom
123 Display of brilliance
124 Remove rind
125 Actor Calhoun et al.
126 Oil giant's ex-name
127 Clairvoyants

**DOWN**
1 Water barriers
2 "Thanks __!"
3 Wind-powered toy
4 Annoying sensation
5 Country dances
6 Car makers' grp.
7 Matter-of-fact
8 Convex moldings
9 British poet Wilfred
10 Displaying malice toward
11 Argentine river
12 Allen and Frome
13 Have a snack
14 *Treasure Island* monogram
15 Moira Shearer film of 1948
16 Buenos __
17 Get a new tenant
18 Lock of hair
24 Antique car
25 Hawk's weapons
29 Ravel
31 Showman Ziegfeld
33 Robert Redford film of 1992
35 Home of the Dolphins
36 Violinist Mischa
37 Three-handed card game
39 Non-__ flight (charter)
40 TV programmer's concern
42 Stately shaders
43 Madrid wives, for short
44 Notebook style
45 __ *With Love* (Poitier film)
46 Trick ending
48 New York college
49 Prime Minister between Harold and Harold
50 Tree house
54 Make known
57 Tabby treat
58 Homer's specialty
62 Edward James Olmos film of 1981
64 Was victorious
65 Diva Scotto
66 Jane Wyman film of 1951
69 Asian belief
70 Exec. aide
71 Xerox competitor
72 Part of UAR
74 Part of MIT
76 World book
77 Nobelist Lagerlöf
78 Gaelic
80 River of Germany
82 Algerian port
84 Garments
87 Slightest
90 Remnants
92 Bring under control
93 Fool
94 Shade of blonde
96 More like some horror films
99 Composers' org.
100 Duplicate
101 *"La plume de ma __"*
103 In poor condition
105 Total up
106 Sampras and Rozelle
109 English river
110 Corporate VIPs
112 Shirley Conran novel
113 Ceramic square
114 Winglike
115 US-to-UK planes
117 Armed conflict
118 *Dream On* network
119 New start

# Coach Tom Murphy reaches 450 victory milestone

## Hamilton basketball coach testament to enduring excellence

ZANE MURDOCK '99
SPORTS STAFF

Twenty-six years ago Tom Murphy came to this campus and turned the Men's Basketball program around. Coach Murphy arrived on the Hill a young, intelligent coach coming from the high school basketball coaching ranks where he lead Belleville (NY) High School to a national record of 83 consecutive victories. Murphy took over Hamilton's weak and disheveled basketball program in 1970, and in time he trained his team to become a consistent powerhouse. On 12/30 this past winter when the Continentals beat Hobart, Coach Murphy reached a distinction few coaches have been able to obtain: His 450th collegiate win.

**...it doesn't really matter to me, the next game is just as important**
**-Tom Murphy on his 450th victory**

Despite the time he has spent coaching basketball, Murphy maintains that he has not changed much with respect to his approach to coaching. "I'd like to think that most of the same philosophies I had when I arrived at Hamilton in 1970 have remained the same," Coach Murphy said. "I think that kids will always be the same, and if you approach them in the right way they will put out for you." When I asked Coach Murphy how his coaching style may have altered over the years, he handed me a copy of an interview he had when he first arrived at Hamilton, and clearly his guiding principles have survived throughout the years. Coach Murphy reiterated his notion when he said, "I have always believed that hard work and an honest effort are the keys to success and I still feel that way."

The first couple of seasons, starting in 1970, proved to be far from easy for Coach Murphy though, and he had to wait until his fifteenth college game to get his first victory. However, after his first four years of coaching at Hamilton, his team quickly aspired to an annual winner and this year's squad has already assured Coach Murphy his twenty-second straight winning season. Murphy's coaching achievements include ten ECAC championships, two Division III Coach-of-the-Year awards, a remarkable winning percentage of .757 during the past 21 seasons, a number one ranking in the final NCAA Division III poll in 1990-91 with a record of 26-1, and this year he added the 450 win milestone to his outstanding list. Aside from basketball, Coach Murphy is Hamilton's athletic director and the coordinator of the summer Hamilton Basketball Day Camp. He is also father of two Hamilton students and basketball players, Mike '97 and Brian '99, and he serves on several intercollegiate sports committees.

Coach Murphy also likes to look at himself as a college professor. "I think you can learn a great deal from playing college basketball; from the competition, the team work, and the pressure that you have to deal with in order to be a winner. I like to remember that one of my players once told me that he learned more from playing basketball than he did in any college course. I don't think that we are going to have too many Hamilton men who will want to play professional basketball, but we are going to have a lot who will be lawyers and doctors and professional men, and I'd like to think that when they come out of here they are coming out winners."

RITU MONGA
**Tom Murphy - 450 wins and counting**

In order to keep his kids focused on winning, Murphy demands dedicated, hard-working players who will make sacrifices for the team because he understands the importance of a team game and he wants everyone "to reach their full potential." Although Coach Murphy's 450th win was important to his growing list of accomplishments, he doesn't even care to recall who his team beat or when his 450th victory occurred. He remarked, "You know, it doesn't really matter to me, the next game is just as important. I don't worry about that stuff, because I want our players to play well every night."

Coach Murphy has produced many winners during his tenure at Hamilton, including one of this years co-captains Joe Mrozienski '96. Joe notes that "Coach Murphy has definitely helped me through the years here, and one important thing he has emphasized is that you should always go home knowing that you, or as a team we did the best we possibly could have done." Assistant Coach Joe Kremer, who captained the 1989-90 Continental basketball team and now assists Coach Murphy in his coaching duties, asserts "that Coach Murphy has helped me the most by letting me take control of things and then afterwards we go back and evaluate."

Coach Kremer also remarked "that one of Coach Murphy's prevailing traits is his ability to adapt to different players and their personalities. He lets the players make some of the decisions and by keeping his game plan simple he allows the team to play to the best of its ability." Coach Murphy added, "You have to know how to work with many various types of people because everyone is different. Some players I have to push a great deal to get them to do the right things, and others play best when I leave them alone."

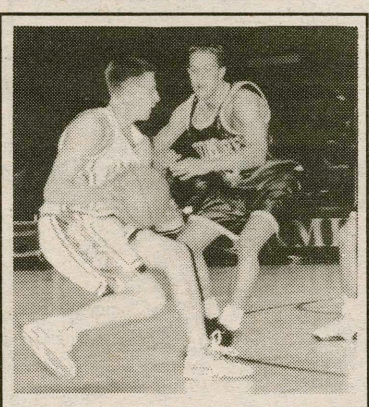
As far as this years team goes, their chance for a second straight berth into the NCAA tournament depends on their final four games, all of which are on the road. The players and the coaches know that anything can happen if they reach the tournament, and the team hopes to avenge some of its recent disappointing losses by winning in the post-season. As Coach Murphy noted, "Teams learn more from dealing with adversity than when everything is going well. This year's team will hopefully prove that."

# Skidmore finally succeeds 68-66

JEFF GORALNICK '98
SPORTS STAFF

The Hamilton College men's basketball team dropped another heartbreaker at home last Friday night against Skidmore 68-66. Ahead by 7 at halftime, and 14 with less than 16 minutes, Hamilton once again failed to hold the lead, as Skidmore came back with a vengeance. With three minutes remaining, and on a 21-8 run, Skidmore tied the game at 61. The Thoroughbreds were up 66-63, with about 20 seconds left before Al Lewis '96 drained a three pointer to tie. But before the crowd could celebrate, Skidmore's Chad Kasdin nailed an off-balance layup to take the lead. Hamilton could not get off a shot in the final 6 seconds, as Skidmore beat Hamilton for the first time in history. Joe Mrozienski '96 led the Continentals with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Kevin Thorpe '98 contributed with 9.

Although Hamilton has been slumping lately, they are still fifth place in the east, in good standing for the NCAA tournament. It is imperative that the Continentals emerge victorious at Clarkson and St. Lawrence this weekend.



JULIE LOSAURO
**Hamilton in their first-ever loss to Skidmore**

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# Continentals, Canisius and Colgate run away from Hamilton Invitational field

BY: MATT NOLAN '98
SPORTS STAFF

Just a week after splitting a tri-meet with Division one rivals Colgate and Canisius, the Hamilton Continentals mens track team put forth a strong team effort to take second out of eight teams at their invitational meet. Defeating teams such as Hartwick, Union, Alfred, and St. Lawrence, the Continentals were paced to victory with outstanding performances in the field.

With the field cut down from last year's twelve teams, the competition among the gathered schools remained stiff. The Ithaca College Blue Bombers won the meet with a solid all around team, taking 134 points and outpacing the Continentals by over forty points. Meanwhile the men was 26 points ahead of Alfred University the nearest contender.

Individual victories in the 600 meter, the weight throw, and the shot put were key in the Continentals effort. Dane Wolfrom '97, who recently returned from injury, took the 600 meter event with a winning time of 1:25.85. The throwers definitely pulled their own weight in the events Saturday as Sam Hoffman '96 took the weight throw with a toss of 14.81m, and sophomore Bob "Tuna" Fish took first place in the shot with a toss of 13.88m. Paul Bopp '97 also added to the aggregate scoring of the throwing team with fifth and third place finishes the respective events. At Colgate the previous weekend, the men attempted to repeat their victory a year ago and they beat both the home team and Canisius College. A concerted effort with excellent performances from Wolfrom, Tom Capo '97, and Joe Woods '99 pushed the Conts to a final dual meet record of 4-2, defeating Canisius, but falling to the Red Raiders of Colgate. Andrew Bomann '96, one of two injury plagued captains, aided the Continentals with third place finishes in the 1000m and the pole vault. The field events of the weight throw and the jumps proved to be stiff competition in this meet. The throwing team overcame a strong field to add to the overall point total of the team.

The meet was a true barn burner with the Continentals battling rival Canisius down to the last event. Needing to be ahead of or directly behind the Canisius team to preserve a victory, the 4x800 team of Phil Jennings '99, Joe Button '99, Chad "Goose" Hall '97, and Matt Nolan '98 put together a strong showing on tired legs, taking second place, holding off a charging Red Raider squad. While the team fell to Colgate overall, the victory in the final relay was a moral one as much as a physical one.

With only four meets left this season, the Continentals travel to St. Lawrence this Saturday for the inaugural running of the UCAA Track and Field Championships. With Hartwick, Hamilton, Union, R.P.I., and host St. Lawrence in attendance, the meet will likely be a dog fight. The Conts have encountered all of these teams in their dual meet season, falling only to R.P.I. at their home facility in Troy. Many of the men will be vying for individual spots at next weekend's New York State Championships, hosted by Hamilton.

The women Continentals track team finished up their dual meet season with a record of 2- 4. At the Hamilton invitational the team finished fifth out of eight teams, falling to SUNY Brockport by a scant five points and to St. Lawrence by only six. The University of Rochester women's team took the meet with a solid 151 points, beating their nearest competitor by over sixty five points. Strong individual results were posted by several of the Hamilton women. Tiffany Chappell '98 se a meet record in the women's 200 meter event, eclipsing the old record of 27.43 sec

# This Week in Hamilton Sports

| Sport | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Men's Basketball | Clarkson 8 pm | St. Lawrence 4 pm | | | SUNY-Utica 8 pm | | |
| Women's Basketball | Clarkson 6 pm | St. Lawrence 2 pm | | | | | |
| Ice Hockey | A.I.C. 7 pm. | UConn 3 pm. | | | | | |
| Swimming & Diving | Women's States TBA | | | | | Men's States @ Rensselaer TBA | |
| Men's Squash | N.Y.S. Championship @ Vassar TBA | | | | Colgate 5 pm. | | |
| Women's Squash | Howe Cup @ Yale TBA | | | | | | |
| Track & Field | | UCAA Meet @ St. Lawrence TBA | NYSCT&FA/ NYSWCAA Pentathlon @ Roch. TBA | | | | |

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

# Beat the "Experts"

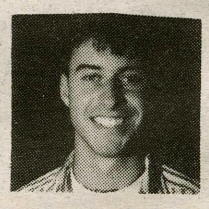
Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Mark Granovsky, as well as their picture in *The Spectator*.

| Specially Selected Sporting Events | Mark Granovsky *Spectator Sports Editor* | Oren Rawls *Spectator Sports Editor* | Jason Santarcangelo *Associate Editor* | Damon Lopez O'Dwyer *Associate Editor* | James Houff Sophomore *Guest #4* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Last Week: 8-5 To date: 30-19 | Last Week: 11-2 To date: 34-15 | Last Week: 10-3 To date: 35-14 | Last Week: 6-7 To date: 28-21 | Last Week's Guest: Jeff Goralnick 8-5 |
| **NCAA** | | | | | |
| UMass at Virginia Tech 2/17 | UMass | UMass | UMass | UMass | UMass |
| Cincinnati at DePaul 2/17 | Cincinnatti | Cincinnatti | Cincinnatti | Cincinnatti | Cincinnatti |
| Memphis at Georgetown 2/17 | Georgetown | Memphis | Georgetown | Georgetown | Georgetown |
| Penn State at Purdue 2/17 | Purdue | Penn State | Purdue | Purdue | Purdue |
| Wake Forest at Georgia Tech 2/17 | Wake Forest | Georgia Tech | Georgia Tech | Wake Forest | Wake Forest |
| NC State at Duke 2/17 | NC State | NC State | Duke | Duke | Duke |
| Indiana at Michigan 2/18 | Michigan | Michigan | Michigan | Michigan | Michigan |
| South Carolina at Vanderbilt 2/18 | South Carolina | Vanderbilt | Vanderbilt | South Carolina | South Carolina |
| Syracuse at Seton Hall 2/20 | Syracuse | Syracuse | Syracuse | Syracuse | Syracuse |
| Miami at West Virginia 2/17 | West Virginia | West Virginia | West Virginia | Miami | Miami |
| Boston College at Providence 2/17 | Boston College | Boston College | Boston College | Boston College | Boston College |
| **NHL** | | | | | |
| NY Rangers at Ottawa 2/17 | Rangers | Rangers | Rangers | Rangers | Rangers |
| NY Rangers at Pittsburgh 2/18 | Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh | Rangers | Rangers | Pittsburgh |
| Washington at New Jersey 2/18 | Washington | Devils | Devils | Devils | Washington |

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

# Gretzky waits to be traded
## Barry wins Slam Dunk crown

*Scorecard*



**Trip MacCracken**

**In the NBA:** It's kind of scary to think, as he tears up the NBA and starts for the Western All-Star team, that Dallas point guard Jason Kidd would still be a senior in college had he not entered the draft after his sophomore season. The NBA is his playground- imagine what he'd be doing at Cal if he'd stayed there four years. Ditto Jerry Stackhouse of the 76ers. He'd only be a junior at North Carolina... Word is that Dikembe Mutombo will cost too much for Denver to re-sign after this season, so the Nuggets will move rookie Antonio McDyess to center. Should Mutombo go to Charlotte, one of many teams interested in his services, the Hornets would have three of the top four picks in the 1991 draft, with Kenny Anderson and Larry Johnson already in place. The other? Miami's Billy Owens... Can you believe that NBA Commish David Stern just got a five year deal worth $40 million?! Stern is the highest-paid of any sports commissioner, ahead of the NFL's Paul Tagliabue, who earns a pale (in comparison) $1.5 million per year... Philly's Derrick Coleman could return Saturday after missing the last 15 games with an ankle injury... Charles Barkley scored his 20,000th point recently and he is only 33 rebounds away from another milestone: 10,000... Jamal Mashburn is out for the year after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery on Tuesday, meaning that Dallas will almost certainly find itself in the lottery once again...

**In the NFL:** The Cowboys went to the White House this week to accept congratulations from President Clinton on their Super Bowl win... At ESPN's Monday Night, host Tony Danza informed the crowd that Pittsburgh quarterback Neil O'Donnell was in attendance as was his favorite receiver: Dallas' Larry Brown. Danza then apologized, saying he didn't write the line... Leeland McElroy got a standing ovation from scouts and personnel experts at the scouting combine, not only because of his talent, but because he was not afraid to take part in the exhibition. Most highly-rated players avoid the combine, preferring to take part in individual workouts on their school's campus... Lindy Infante will replace fired Ted Marchibroda as the Indianapolis head coach... Meanwhile, Marchibroda replaced Bill Belichick. Interestingly, Browns owner Art Modell said when he hired him that Belichick would be his last head coach. Modell then fired him this week...

**In Baseball:** The Indians just came within two games of winning the World Series. So do they rest on their laurels? Nah. They go out and sign Jack McDowell, who won 15 games last season for the Yankees, and Julio Franco, who returns from Japan. These two signings make the Indians a huge favorite to return to the Series. Sometimes, life just doesn't seem fair. But, then you remember all the years that Indians fans have suffered with the Tribe when the team was so bad, and you realize, this town had it coming... The St. Louis A's, or no, wait a minute, it only looks like St. Louis should be called the A's since they seem to have all the former A's on their team. With manager Tony LaRussa now on board, the Cardinals have acquired a large number of former A's, including Todd Stottlemyre, Mike Gallego, Willie McGee, Rick Honeycutt and pitching coach Dave Duncan. This week, they traded for LaRussa favorite Dennis Eckersley, who struggled toward the end of last season. Some wonder if Eck has any gas left in the can but not St. Louis GM Walt Jocketty, who proclaimed, "We're all Eck-cited"- Terrible, I know....

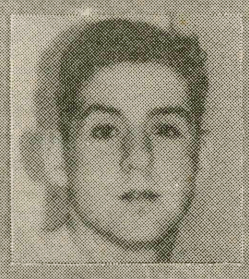
**In NCAA basketball:** Seems to me that Cal doesn't get the most out of their talent. Coach Todd Bozeman gained a huge bonus when he signed super freshman Shareef Abdur-Rahim, but even with Abdur-Rahim and all the other talent on the team, the Bears aren't in the Top 25... Speaking of talent: What happened to Duke? Their program went downhill so fast, you barely had time to see them fall. Remember when every year another name was lofted to the rafters at Cameron Indoor Stadium? Laettner... Hurley... Hill... Did their recruiting get really bad? Or did the recruiting around them, at programs like North Carolina, just get really good? All three North Carolina freshman this year are as good as any player on Duke's entire team. Certainly a disturbing trend for college hoops, as Coach Kryzewski's Blue Devil program had been one of the best in the country... Drew Barry of Georgia Tech will take after his brother Brent, the NBA's Slam Dunk King, and will be a mid-first round draft pick. Against North Carolina on Sunday, Barry scored a career-high 30 points, hitting nine three-pointers. This guy's waited his turn to be the man for Bobby Cremins' team, and now he's making the most of it...

**In the NHL:** Ron Francis of Pittsburgh passed Bob Clarke and moved into 10th place on the all-time assists list this week with the 853rd of his career... Hartford has gone 12-4-1 since January 1st, moving into position for the last Eastern Conference playoff spot... Dallas is winless in its last 10 home games, going 0-7-3... Will he be traded or won't he? That's the question everyone wants answered regarding Wayne Gretzky. The main trade candidates, at this point, appear to be St. Louis and the Rangers, who might be willing to part with Luc Robitaille. Gretzky will be a free agent after the season...

# My Two Cents

## Roy, prisons, and Shaq

The Travis Roy fundraiser on Saturday afternoon was exceptional. Over $1100 was raised for Travis' recovery. The airplane and glider tosses were fun to watch and the prizes were more than respectable. The Hamilton community revealed its true colors, showing that we do care about the well being of others. Just look at some of the writings on the Travis Roy postcard located outside of the rink. Also, two thumbs up to Kevin Grady, Coach Grady's son. After winning the glider toss grand prize, which includes dinner for two, a luxurious suite, champagne, and breakfast at the Comfort Suites at Vernon Downs plus a $100 in spending money, Grady chose to donate the $100 in spending money to the Travis Roy fund.



**Sam Walker**

As always, I have a problem. More money would have been raised if the event was held on a Friday night. The organizers wanted the game to be played against a Boston team and the only two remaining Boston area teams on the schedule were Babson and Salem State. Babson, however, was played on Friday, February 2nd, the same time the Hamilton men's basketball team played host to Union. Obviously, the fundraising effort would have been minimized if held directly opposite a men's basketball game. Thus, inept scheduling forced Hamilton to hold the event on a Saturday afternoon.

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February always brings out the complainer in me. Last week, I came upon a sign posted up in the athletic center that said no one was to play racquetball or squash during athletic events in the field house. This is ludicrous. If someone wants to play racquetball at 8:00 on Friday night, and a basketball game is going on, then so be it. There is no way the people on these courts are affecting the athletes in Scott Field House. I don't buy the distraction reasoning for a second. Aren't athletes supposed to be concentrating on the game at hand? If you buy this rationale, then the field house parking lot and the golf course should be closed during tennis matches. Furthermore, I believe the Ade Fitness Center should be open during all home games in the field house. I love all Hamilton sports, but the athletic department must recognize that some people would rather work out than watch a basketball or volleyball game. Clearly, Hamilton students and faculty have the right to work out or play a racquet sport during events in the field house.

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A couple of months ago, someone from the Mohawk Valley Correctional Facility, a medium security prison called me, the Student Intramural Commissioner, wondering whether we would be willing to send any Intramural basketball team's inside the prison to play against their Inmate-All Star squad. After 3 weeks of paper work and prison bureaucracy, last Monday and Tuesday night the Untouchables and Violators traveled to the prison. It was an unbelievable experience for both the players and me. While we lost both games, playing a game in a prison against inmates with over 150 inmates watching was a very enlightening experience. Being a worthy conversationalist, I actually gained a rapport with many of these men. Yes, many of these men committed heinous crimes, but they showed respect for us, and many even cheered on our behalf. These two nights put life into perspective for me. It made me open my eyes and realize first hand that life on the Hill is surely not a microcosm of society. This was quite an education.

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> - Sam Walker '96

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The All-Star extravaganza was decent at best. The Rookie game and Three-Point Contest were eventful, but the All-Star Game and Dunk Competition were unimpressive. The Dunk competition must go as must Shaq's complaining. Does anyone really care who wins the All-Star MVP? ...The Jets made a good decision, hiring Ron Erhardt to be their offensive coordinator. Erhardt was the offensive coordinator for the Steelers last year and the Giants in their 1990 Super Bowl season. He will revitalize the hapless Jet offense of last year. Count on it. Let's just hope the Jets make some other good off-season maneuvers. Draft Keyshawn Johnson, sign two free-agent lineman, and don't sign Neil O'Donnell. It's sad that the Jets offseason is more enjoyable than the real season This is because we have yet to start losing.....Here is an interesting question for all my New York readers. Who do you think has been the best leader in New York sports in the last 15 years? Mattingly, Simms, Taylor, Messier, Ewing, Mullin are just some of the choices. I opt for Messier. He not only epitomizes leadership and class but he wins. He brought New York a Stanley Cup in 1994 and will do it again in 1996. Without Messier, the Rangers would struggle to make the playoffs. E-mail me your selection at swalker@itsmail1.hamilton.edu.

# Injury-riddled women's hoops straddles .500 mark

By: Jeff Goralnick '98
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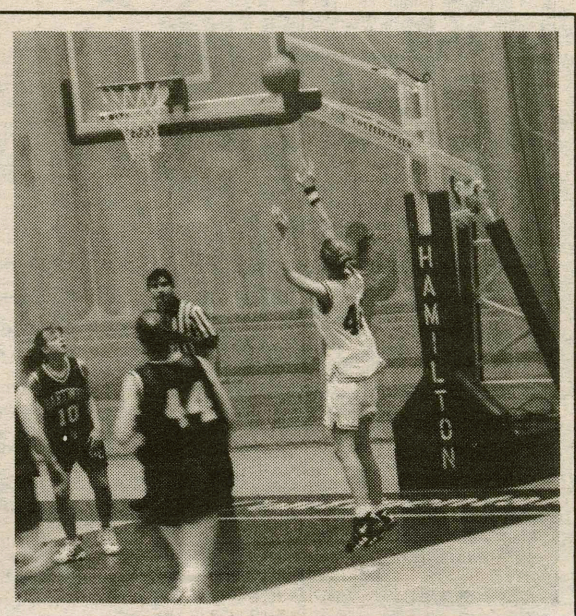
This weekend was a disappointing one in the eyes of the Lady Continental Basketball team. Going into the weekend with a slightly over .500 record, but they lost both games to fall to a middling 11-11 record on the season. The first was against Oneonta on Friday. Oneonta, with a record of 15-4, outshot and outdefended the Continentals as Hamilton scored its least points of the season. Leading the straggling Conts was Jen Moran '99 with 11 points.

Hamilton played Skidmore on Saturday at the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House. Prior to the game, Kate Ryan '96 and Beth Petrusa '96 were honored for their hard work in their career here at Hamilton. Skidmore was able to dominate nearly the entire game, beating the Continentals in a 76-47 rout. Kristin Pabis '97 nearly had a double-double as she grabbed 10 boards and had 9 points. Moran continued her high scoring ability, taking care of 15 of the Continentals 47 points.

Following their last home game of the season, the Continentals moved elsewhere, hoping to stop any sort of bad luck streak. They travelled to Williamstown, Massachusetts to take on Williams College. However, this proved to be yet again a disappointment for the Continentals as they were soundly beaten 82-54. Petrusa and Pabis combined for nearly half of Hamilton's scoring with a combined 25 points and 13 rebounds. Lately, the Lady Continentals have been marred by both injury and sickness. With just eight players able to practice this week, the team must work twice as hard for half of the results.



ERIN SCULLY MITCHELL

**Kristin Pabis '97 drives to the hoop uncontested by Hartwick**

The Continentals have high pressure games ahead. They travel this weekend, facing Clarkson on Friday and St. Lawrence on Saturday. Coach Don Crist mentioned that these are important games in guaranteeing a spot in the State Tournament. As it is, the Continentals are very probable to enter the tournament, however, they will most likely play a high seed. "Both of our games this weekend are very important, and we need to play at 100% to win. However, with our injuries and sickness, this will be difficult." The Continentals have beaten both Clarkson and St. Lawrence here at Hamilton, yet they were both close games. It will most certainly be a difficult and important weekend on the road for Hamilton.

# Continentals run over Thoroughbreds

By: Jason Santarcangelo '98
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The Hamilton women's hockey team stand at 6-7 following a split of a two game weekend. The Continentals posted a ten to one victory over Skidmore in Saratoga last Friday. Then in a crucial league game the Continentals fell to a deep Wesleyan squad by the score of 4-2.

Amy Williams '99 scored six goals and added an assist in the rout over Skidmore. Williams also notched an assist in the loss to Wesleyan giving her eight points on the weekend propeling her into the team lead for points with 21 (10-11). Sara Begg '97 remains second in team scoring with 12 goals and six assists for 18 points.

Tucky Ridder '98, Caroline Charleston '99, Sara Woodson '98, and Lindsey Norris '98 each tallied a marker for the Continentals in the victory over the Skidmore Thoroughbreds. Kate Masi '99 got the victory between the pipes moving her record on the season to 3-2. The loss to Wesleyan saw Isabel Roberts '97 make 42 saves moving her save percentage to an outstanding .904. Ridder and Woodson provided the offense for the lady Continentals.

The Continentals will square off against the University of Maine Black Bears on Saturday at 7 p.m. Bowdoin travels to Sage to face the Conts at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

# Major league soccer in the states

By: Greg Gardner '96
SPORTS STAFF

Last week I profiled Real Madrid, historically one of the best soccer teams in the world. This week I would like to talk about "Soccer in America". Many Americans who have made an impact on the European Soccer community. Italy and England have what are largely considered the most competitive leagues in the world. Only three Americans have played in either league with one of the three still playing there.

John Harkes was the first player in U.S. history to play for England's Premiere League. An American Team member and 1994 World Cup veteran, Harkes is largely considered to be the best midfielder America has ever produced. Alexi Lalas, an exquisite defender and a '94 World Cup teammate of Harkes, played in the Premiere League of Italy with Padova. Although he will return to America to play for Major League Soccer, Harkes is doing just as well.

The third player is a former Goalkeeper at Indiana, currently playing in England. I regret to say that I do not remember his name, but he is doing quite well. He is 6'4", and largely considered to be one of the best goalkeepers in soccer. He is a likely candidate to succeed US team member Tony Meola in the next World Cup. Meola is another player who has signed with Major League Soccer, although it is unknown what team he will play for.

Major League Soccer is an exciting prospect for America. While the U.S. has been able to display International dominance in such sports as basketball, football, and even baseball at times, soccer is one sport that Americans have never quite been as good at. A large part of this has to do with the lack of a professional league in which to play, but with the inception of Major League Soccer, that could all change in twenty years.

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In all, there are currently ten teams slated for the league's April kick-off: Washington "DC-United", Columbus Crew, New England Revolution, New York/New Jersey Metro Stars, Tampa Bay Mutiny, Colorado Rapids, Dallas Burn, Kansas City Wiz, Los Angeles Galaxy, and the San Jose Clash. MLS hopes to draw Americans into a sport which has long been adored in other parts of the world such as Europe, South America, and Africa. As a result, they have sought to attract big-name players from America, it's World Cup team, and foreign countries. It has succeeded in doing so. Not only have Harkes, Lalas, and Meola all signed with MLS, but Tab Ramos, Roy Wegerle, Eric Wynalda, and Desmond Armstrong have signed as well. Internationally, the talent is just as alluring. Flamboyant Mexican goalkeeper Jorge Campos has signed with the Los Angeles team, and Carlos Valderrama has signed with MLS as well. In total, there are over 130 people signed up to ten teams for the new soccer league, with representation from countries such as Italy, Columbia, Venezuela, France, England, and Mexico.

While great talent does not necessarily imply a great league, it certainly helps. If America does hope to have a dominating Soccer team for the future World Cups, people will have to support this league. For more information on Major League Soccer, check out this great Internet sight http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/Web/People/mdwheel/us-soccer/mls/ For great European soccer news, try http://dmiwww.cs.tut.fi/riku/soccer_html/other.html

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# Hamilton Raises $1,108 for Travis Roy Fund

(Clinton) - Hamilton College raised $1,108 for the Travis Roy Fund at the Continentals home game versus Salem State this past weekend. All admission charges, concession sales, 50/50 raffle money, and funds generated from an intermission paper airplane toss contributed to the total. In addition, a post game gathering at the Little Pub raised over 10% of the final figure.

The paper airplane toss was especially successful. Over $350 was raised in this portion of the event. The four finalists who made it to the glider throw included three members of the Hamilton community. They were Dan DeBlois '97; Richard Eaton, husband of athletic department secretary Martha Eaton; and Kevin Grady, son of head coach Phil Grady. Kevin was the grand prize winner in the toss. He gave back the entire cash portion of his grand prize, $150, enabling the final total to rise above the $1,100 mark.

The giant card for Roy, located in the athletic department lobby, now almost entirely filled, will be sent at the end of the season.

## To the Hamilton Community:

I would like to thank all those who made the Travis Roy fundraiser a success this past weekend. This includes the many fans who showed up, everyone who signed the giant card for Travis, the volunteers from the women's ice hockey team and JV basketball team who helped out on the ice, the men's hockey team and Coach Grady, the sports information staff and other student workers at C&D, local media outlets (including The Spectator, The Clinton Courier, The Observer-Dispatch, WKTV, and WUTR) and the following businesses and groups that donated prizes for the event:

Antonio's Trattoria
Carmella's Cafe
Romas
Tony's Pizzeria
Zebbs
The Little Pub
Golf Unlimited
Hamilton Bookstore
Park Row Booksellers
Comfort Suites
Vernon Downs
Kleins All-Sports
McHarris Gifts
AAA Travel Agency
The Hamilton hockey team
The Utica Blizzard
The Anaheim Mighty Ducks and goaltender Guy Hebert (Hamilton '89)
The Syracuse Crunch
Comfort Suites at Vernon Downs

Sincerely,

Marc Simon '94
Sports Information Director

# Continentals carried by Canadian connection

By: Rick Pizzo '96
SPORTS STAFF

Throughout the history of ice hockey, there have been certain lines which have dominated the game. The famed KLM threesome of the Russian National team, the Legion of Doom, currently scoring at a hare's pace for the Philadelphia Flyers, and now the Canadian Connection of the Hamilton Continentals, have defined the term "working well together". The trio of Brian Green '96, Sean Brady '96, and Jeff Bradley '97 have combined for 83 points this season in a mere 19 games, singlehandedly leading Hamilton's offensive charge. This past weekend, the line teamed up to total 12 points, but the rest of the team could only help enough to salvage one win.

With the playoffs looming in the not so distant future, Hamilton is still searching for that late season surge that will propel them into the post-season. Yet, while the team has improved defensively, the ice Continentals continue to split weekend series, leaving their playoff hopes in a hazy shade of Central New York winter.

This past weekend started out in promising fashion as Hamilton hosted Southern Maine Friday evening. Southern Maine, a fledgling ECAC squad that had won only three games entering the contest, rode a wave of momentum after defeating Colby and Norwich during consecutive weekends. Hamilton also gained momentum after an impressive victory against St. Anselm's, where the Continentals netted eight goals. Against a weak Southern Maine defensive core, Hamilton was able to reproduce that offensive output, with an annihilation of their visitors by the count of 8-0.

The Continentals scored three times in the opening twenty minutes, each while enjoying a power play advantage. Each member of the Canadian Connection line tallied a goal, with Green putting the home team on the board first with just over ten minutes expired. Jeff Bradley '96, on his way to his second hat trick of the season, followed with a score of his own three minutes later. Brady then benefited from a friendly bounce off the end-boards to score into a wide open net to stake Hamilton to a 3 goal lead at the first intermission.

The onslaught continued in the middle frame as Lloyd Polanish '96 and John Forbes '97, added to the lead. Polanish's goal, coming at 5:26 of the second period was a superior solo effort, made possible by the senior co-captain's hard work. Polanish picked up the rebound of his own sharp-angle shot, and charged towards the net, dangling the puck behind the cage before bringing it back to his forehand. Like an artful chessmaster, Polanish then slid the puck through the pads of U.S.M. goaltender Matt Roper, who was subsequently yanked from the contest.

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Bradley added his second and third goals of the contest in the third period, and Brian Guastella '98 closed out the scoring with Hamilton's fourth power play goal. Kendall Brook '96, making his first start in eight games, was virtually untested in making ten saves to pick up his second shutout of the season, yet Brook stayed alert enough to make a pretty double pad save on a Southern Maine breakaway in the opening period. Brook also picked up his first assist of the season during the game. Bradley finished with two assists to complement his hat trick, while Brian green added four points (1 goal, 3 assists), Sean Brady three (1,2), and Polanish (1,1) and Gary Heenan '97 (0,2) contributed with two each to aid the effort.

Saturday's foes, the Salem State Vikings, would prove a more formidable opponent. Entering the game, the two teams held identical 10-7-1 records, making this a crucial game in terms of clearing up the playoff picture. Unfortunately for the Continentals, they ran into a hot goaltender and some unlucky breaks in falling to Vikings, 2-1.

Salem scored the first period's only goal, as a Joe Baudo '97 penalty only :59 seconds into the contest afforded the Vikings their first power play. Mike Kelleher capitalized, wristing the biscuit past a helpless Brook to give the visitors an early 1-0 lead. Brook (18 saves) and Salem netminder Bill Hubbard (30 saves) then took over, each making several quality stops to keep the game scoreless for the next 27 minutes.

Hamilton finally broke through at 8:51 of the second, as Guastella picked up his second goal of the weekend with help from linemates Joe Zona '98, and Dave Webb '98, to knot the showdown at 1-1. During a physical third period, Hamilton had the majority of good scoring opportunities, but the Continentals were repeatedly turned away by Salem's Hubbard. Kenny Jones of the Vikings jammed the dagger of defeat into the heart of Hamilton with his game wining goal, scoring with only 2:08 to play, and vaulting Salem over Hamilton in the ECAC standings.

While Saturday's loss while have negative repercussions on the team's playoff hopes, Friday's win greatly benefited some individual statistics. Brian Green, now with 30 points (14, 16), leads the team and is followed by linemates Bradley (13,15) and Brady (11,14). Brook lowered his goals against average over a half point (2.48) in picking up his third win of the season.

With only four league contests remaining, the Continentals look to gain four points out of this upcoming weekend. Hamilton plays host to American International College on Friday evening before seeking revenge on the UCONN Huskies Saturday .

KATE VAIL

**Look for complete coverage of the Women's State Swimming & Diving Championships in next week's sport section of the *Spectator***